



# Agenda and Business Paper

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## Ordinary Meeting of Council

To be held on  
**Monday 12 May 2025**  
at 6:00 PM

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**Peter Thompson**  
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## **WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCILLORS**



**Councillor Dallas Tout  
(Mayor)**

Councillor Dallas Tout was elected to Council in 2012 and was elected Mayor in 2022.



**Councillor Georgie Davies  
(Deputy Mayor)**

Councillor Georgie Davies was elected to Council in 2021 and was elected as Deputy Mayor in 2024.



**Councillor Allana Condron**

Councillor Allana Condron was elected to Council in 2024.



**Councillor Richard Foley**

Councillor Richard Foley was elected to Council in 2021.



**Councillor Tim Koschel**

Councillor Tim Koschel was elected to Council in 2016.



**Councillor Jenny McKinnon**

Councillor Jenny McKinnon was elected to Council in 2021 and was Deputy Mayor between 2022 and 2023.



**Councillor Amelia Parkins**

Councillor Amelia Parkins was elected to Council in 2021 and was Deputy Mayor between 2023 and 2024.



**Councillor Karissa Subedi**

Councillor Karissa Subedi was elected to Council in 2024.



**Councillor Lindsay Tanner**

Councillor Lindsay Tanner was elected to Council in 2024.

## **STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS**

Councillors are reminded of their Oath or Affirmation of Office made under Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993 and their obligation under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage Conflicts of Interest.

### **QUORUM**

The quorum for a meeting of the Council, is a majority of the Councillors of the Council, who hold office for the time being, who are eligible to vote at the meeting.

## **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL AGENDA AND BUSINESS PAPER**

**MONDAY 12 MAY 2025**

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Wagga Wagga City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Wiradjuri people, and pays respect to Elders past, present and future and extends our respect to all First Nations Peoples in Wagga Wagga.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the land and rivers. We also recognise the resilience, strength and pride of the Wiradjuri and First Nations communities

## **REFLECTION**

Councillors, let us in silence reflect upon our responsibilities to the community which we represent, and to all future generations and faithfully, and impartially, carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in us, to the best of our skill and judgement.

## **APOLOGIES**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**CM-1            CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 28  
APRIL 2025**

### **Recommendation**

**That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 April 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.**

## **Attachments**

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## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

## **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

### **RP-1            RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - RIVERINA MEN'S HEALTH CENTRE**

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**Executive:**    Janice Summerhayes

**Summary:**        This report is presented to Council in response to NOM-1 Riverina Men's Health Centre adopted at the 11 November 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting. A petition has also been received on 23 April 2025 from 939 signatories relating to the proposed establishment of a *'Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga'* which is also addressed in this report.

### **Recommendation**

That Council:

- a     note the report and consultation findings from key stakeholders
- b     commend the Wagga Women's Health Centre for their leadership in co-facilitating the Wagga Wagga & Surrounds Men's Leadership Forum in July 2024
- c     receive and note the attached petition received on 23 April 2025 to 'Establish a Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga'
- d     note that the petition's request is addressed in this report as part of the response to the Notice of Motion parts a) and b)
- e     request staff advise the petition contact person of Council's resolution in accordance with Council's Petition Policy (POL 086)
- f     note Council's advocacy role and adopted Advocacy Plan statement of commitment to the prevention of Domestic and Family Violence being:  
  
      *"We will advocate for resources and funding levels that support the front-line services and other organisations addressing coercive control, abuse and violence and their delivery of preventative programs to address gender equity and respectful relationships"*
- g     staff make contact with the Men's Consultative Group to provide them with the report's findings and as detailed in this report

### **Report**

At the Ordinary Meeting on 11 November 2024 Council resolved the following in response to NOM-1 Riverina Men's Health Centre being:

*That Council:*

- a     *supports the investigation of a Riverina Men's Health Centre, a dedicated facility to be based in Wagga Wagga aimed at providing comprehensive health and support services for men in the Riverina region*

- b recognises the pressing need for such a facility, which will offer services including in-house psychology support and mental health counselling, physical fitness programs, anger management, corrective domestic violence prevention programs, and legal services tailored to men's health and wellbeing, including collaborative law assistance for men with family law and domestic violence matters to seek better positive outcomes for individuals, their families and ultimately the community*
- c notes the recent success of the Men's Forum organised by the Wagga Women's Health Centre, which featured contributions from leading experts, including psychiatrist Adam Blanch, a trauma psychiatrist specialising in trauma and its relation to domestic violence. This pivotal new research presented by Blanch at the forum highlighted innovative insights and strategies that could position this city as a world leader in trialling and implementing trauma-informed approaches based on cutting-edge research in men's health and domestic violence prevention*
- d emphasises the importance of involving all sectors of the community, including private sector businesses, financial institutions, and state and federal government, in both the research, future funding streams and Council's support to report on this initiative. Collaboration with these sectors is essential for securing the funding, resources, and support needed to make the Riverina Men's Health Centre a reality and to maximise its impact within the wider community*
- e supports initial Council engagement with relevant stakeholders to explore potential partnerships, funding opportunities, and collaborative efforts that could contribute to the successful foundation and operation of the Centre*
- f receives a report on the process to establish a Riverina Men's Health Centre which includes, but is not limited to:*
  - i who the key stakeholders are;*
  - ii the steps involved;*
  - iii the role of Council;*
  - iv consideration of a steering committee or other such panel such as a stakeholder advisory group to oversee and guide the initial development of this centre.*

Council received a petition on 23 April 2025 from Rhys Cummins containing 939 signatures. The petition has been submitted to Council in accordance with Council's Petitions Management Policy.

The petition was initiated on 15 January 2025 with a closing date of 23 April 2025, with the request that a Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga Wagga be established. Below is an extract from the petition with the specific wording:

*'This petition is to advocate and lobby for a Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga Wagga. A men's wellness centre will provide holistic support to the men of our city and surrounding areas. Men in our region, like others around the country, encounter many health challenges including mental health, physical health, family and relationship issues, legal issues and many more. This centre can help to bridge the gap by providing holistic support encompassing physical, mental,*

*and emotional health. A Wellness Centre in Wagga will be a safe space for men to initiate health-related conversations and provide crucial resources to the men of our region. We urge health authorities and government to take action on this important matter to support the men of our region. Please sign this petition to show your support for the establishment of a Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga.'*

As per Council's policy, only the substance of the petition and the number of signatories is provided in the business paper, however the full petition will be available for viewing by Councillors.

Upon receipt of the petition, along with seven support letters from local community services, staff reviewed the request detailed in the petition to ensure it has been considered in this report. It is noted that this petition is in support of the Notice of Motion parts a) and b) and therefore this report response covers the petition request.

The following responses to NOM-1 Riverina Men's Health Centre are summarised in sections a) through to f) for ease of reference.

### **NOM-1 Riverina Men's Health Centre**

- a supports the investigation of a Riverina Men's Health Centre, a dedicated facility to be based in Wagga Wagga aimed at providing comprehensive health and support services for men in the Riverina region**

At the ordinary meeting Council resolved that staff undertake consultation with a number of stakeholders to seek input and bring back the findings to Council, on a proposed new service model to respond to service gaps identified and outlined in this Notice of Motion for a proposed Riverina Men's Health Centre to be established in the city. Staff completed an initial engagement process with community representatives including local Elders and cultural knowledge holders, Wagga Wagga Women's Health Centre, Murrumbidgee Men's Group, Men's Consultation Group, Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga, Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network, Corrective Services NSW – NSW Department of Communities and Justice, and members of the LGBTIQ+ community. Further to this please find following some key statistical information from the most recent census data relating to men living in our community.

The 2021 Census identified a usual resident population of Wagga Wagga Local Government Area (LGA) as 67,609 with 32,883 (48.6%) residents identifying as male (Profile.id, 2025). Of those male residents 6.6% identified as First Nations and 11% are born overseas which links to the lower English proficiency rates in Wagga Wagga LGA compared to regional NSW (Profile.id, 2025).

Key indicators of socio-economic status, opportunities and ability to access to services are employment and education. Nationally 63% of men 15 years+ have attained a non-school based qualification (including trade and degrees) in comparison to only 52% of the male population aged 15 years+ and over holding educational qualifications in our LGA. Of the 68.5% of male residents in Wagga Wagga (17,723 in 2021) are employed with 76% of that group working full-time however, it is important to note that these figures are based on the 2021 Census which was heavily impacted by pandemic employment conditions (Profile.id, 2025).

The Australia Bureau of Statistics identified heart disease as the leading cause of death in men in 2024. Disturbingly, the suicide rate of men is three times higher than that of women, with 78% of deaths (730) by suicide in NSW in 2023 were men (ABS, 2025; NSW Ministry of Health, 2024). Other key information which is critical in determining service provision and appetite to engaging with supports include: males made up 55.9% of 257 people experiencing homelessness in Wagga Wagga. Notably 17.5% of all lone (single) parents (Profile.id, 2025) and substance use disorders are twice as likely in males than females with 35.8% of men over the age of 18 years exceeding the Australia adult alcohol guidelines (ABS, 2025; NSW Ministry of Health, 2024).

The most recent crime data as released in March 2025 reveals for the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area (WWLGA) there were 527 incidents of domestic violence related assault where charges have been laid, recorded by NSW Police, which detailed 370 female and 196 males identifying as victims in 2024 (BOCSAR, March 2025).

It is critical to note that Police data sets have limitations, and it is broadly accepted that much more crime is committed than is reported to Police which is predominately linked to a person's willingness to report or trust in Police to action the report. In a report tabled to the House of Representatives (*Inquiry into crime in the community: victims, offenders, and fear of crime*, 2004) it states that "It was acknowledged that the level of reporting is significantly lower for women and children who are victims of physical and sexual assault". Ergo, with efforts to increase rapport between Police and community, and empower people to report violence as awareness grows, there is an expectation that these numbers of reported incidents will rise to more accurately reflect DFV incidents and abuse in our community.

### **NOM-1 Riverina Men's Health Centre**

- b recognises the pressing need for such a facility, which will offer services including in-house psychology support and mental health counselling, physical fitness programs, anger management, corrective domestic violence prevention programs, and legal services tailored to men's health and wellbeing, including collaborative law assistance for men with family law and domestic violence matters to seek better positive outcomes for individuals, their families and ultimately the community**

To understand further the need for such a facility, staff undertook a literature review, completed an audit on current services available in the city and undertook an initial engagement process with some key stakeholders to understand further their perspectives on this proposal, based on their knowledge of local services and the particular health needs of the male population in Wagga Wagga and the surrounding region.

## **Literature review**

The literature review conducted by staff in the development of this report has identified that men generally experience poor health outcomes and that this coupled with a lack of positive help-seeking behavior, due to societal pressures and gender 'norms' of masculinity, leads men to only engage with services at points of crisis which may link to why men have a statistically higher chance of death from preventable diseases (ABS, 2025).

Ultimately, the goal of early intervention for men's health and wellbeing is to promote positive help seeking behaviors which are significantly influenced by habits developed early in life and perceptions of masculinity in society and culture (National Men's Health Strategy 2020-2030).

The National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032 also identifies that providing meaningful early intervention supports for men would prevent future harm and gendered violence. On page 80 of this report, it states "Although boys and men, as a group, tend to hold privilege and power based on their gender, they can also experience discrimination and violence, including sexual violence and disproportionately harsh discipline as children. Gender stereotypes and harmful expectations of masculinity can mean that men experiencing mental and physical health issues do not seek help when they need it".

## **Audit of current services available to men in Wagga Wagga**

Council staff conducted an audit of services current to 30 January 2025, specifically identifying services and social supports in Wagga Wagga and surrounds for men which can be found in the addendum of this report. Overall, the audit revealed that there are a diverse range of services for men's health available, predominantly clinical services, for example availability of male General Practitioners (GPs) in the city along with specialist support groups available for boys and men.

During the audit process it became clear that a lot of the clinical services targeting men, such as men's behavioral change programs and counselling services are hosted within what is predominately female-led and family-based organisations.

Male stakeholders consulted in the development of this report confirmed that this issue was a key barrier to men accessing services and told staff that barriers for local men seeking health support services included a persistent fear of being judged, and a lack of shared experience. Furthermore, feedback revealed that service practitioners are often women and the type of spaces that services operate in are clinical in design and the atmosphere is perceived to be unwelcoming and put men off from attending. Feedback to staff also revealed there is a hesitancy for men to speak up about domestic and family violence out of shame and fear of saying the wrong thing.

Another barrier to accessing existing services that was identified in the audit, was the challenge to locate the correct information on what services are available due to the distribution of information across multiple platforms and databases. In identifying this issue staff have immediately commenced contacting all men's health services identified in the audit and encouraging them to place their service information on



Council's My Community Directory Wagga Wagga platform, that is a free, one-stop-shop community information hub.

Through the literature review, service audit, and the feedback received in the initial consultation process with stakeholders, it was noted by staff that there are multiple barriers that men experience in our community when accessing existing services and gaps in non-clinical and male only support environments for men's health service provision in the City and wider region.

### **NOM-1 Riverina Men's Health Centre**

- c notes the recent success of the Men's Forum organised by the Wagga Women's Health Centre, which featured contributions from leading experts, including psychiatrist Adam Blanch, a trauma psychiatrist specialising in trauma and its relation to domestic violence. This pivotal new research presented by Blanch at the forum highlighted innovative insights and strategies that could position this city as a world leader in trialling and implementing trauma-informed approaches based on cutting-edge research in men's health and domestic violence prevention**

It is recognised that the Wagga Women's Health Centre (WWHC) as leaders in their field, identified that the engagement of men as a key stakeholder in the conversation more broadly around domestic and family violence was lacking in our community. To address this issue, the WWHC co-designed a Men's Leadership Forum on domestic and family violence for Wagga Wagga and surrounds which to the knowledge of the WWHC is the first of its kind in Australia. This forum was attended by Councillors, the local state and federal members, Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri Elders and cultural knowledge holders, along with other male leaders drawn from the broader community. The forum event was held on Friday 26 July 2024. The forum was funded as part of the current WWHC-led DV2650 project, where supporting and empowering men through a trauma-informed lens is considered a positive long-term strategic approach to reducing gendered violence.

This WWHC DV2650 project work follows on from Council's project work that in partnership with WWHC commenced in 2019, and where Council staff delivered the inaugural DVproject:2650 three-year NSW government funded project that concluded in June 2021. The aim of this strategic 3-year project was to educate the community on the causes of violence against women and their children, to promote gender equality and respect, and to challenge rigid gender roles and stereotypes as detailed in a 2016 survey undertaken by the WWHC.

Based on recommendations from the Council-led DVproject:2650 Close Out Report completed in June 2021, it was recommended that Council's role going forward in preventing and reducing incidents of domestic and family violence should aim to 'strengthen and promote gender equity through local leadership roles, networks, partnership programs, and as a significant community employer' (ref page 53 in the report): <https://wagga.nsw.gov.au/community/programs-and-initiatives/thedvproject>).

The recommendations of the DVproject:2650 report is reflected in Council's Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2050 under the key strategic focus areas of *Vibrant* and *Regional Leadership* in reference to community safety and continuing advocacy

in the prevention of Domestic and Family Violence as well as in Council's endorsed Community Safety Action Plan 2022-2026.

In consultation with representatives from the WWHC, staff were advised that approximately 100 participants attended the Men's Leadership Forum in July 2024. Along with keynote speakers and facilitators, the men attending this forum engaged in conversations around understanding domestic and family violence without judgement or blame, discussed contributing factors to violence and importantly their role going forward as men and community leaders to address the issues raised.

Staff were advised that the forum, led by men for men, explored solutions through an Appreciative Inquiry (AI) approach named SOAR, which used open questions and dialogue to help participants uncover existing strengths (S), opportunities (O), advantages (A), and anticipated results (R) in their communities. Overall, the forum has been deemed successful in empowering men and connecting men in a positive way, with many participants learning about existing local men's services and supports for the first time.

Staff understand that the next steps identified by the forum participants was a public commitment by male community leaders to continue the discussions and to form a working consultative group for Wagga Wagga and surrounds to follow through on the actions committed to at the forum. A Men's Consultative Group was established in late 2024 and is now co-chaired by WWHC and a male representative from the men's consultative working group. This group meets regularly at Council's Civic Centre with male-identifying representatives from local services, business, community organisations and representatives from all tiers of government including Mayor Dallas Tout, Councillor Richard Foley, along with Dr Joe McGirr Member for Wagga Wagga and the Hon. Michael McCormack MP, Federal Member for Riverina. A report documenting the findings from the forum is currently being finalised by the WWHC in partnership with the Men's Consultative Group with plans to launch this report in the near future.

Another recent action following on from the forum and led by the WWHC was a community event hosted at the Wagga Wagga City Library on Monday 14 April 2025 where keynote speaker Tarang Chawla, an advocate for the prevention of gender based domestic and family violence, told his own family story of the death of his sister at the hands of her intimate partner. Staff understand that Tarang Chawla also facilitated a follow up meeting on Tuesday 15 April 2025 with members of the Men's Consultative Group, to prioritise their personal commitments and identify priorities to work on as a group from the forum.

### **NOM-1 Riverina Men's Health Centre**

- d emphasises the importance of involving all sectors of the community, including private sector businesses, financial institutions, and state and federal government, in both the research, future funding streams and Council's support to report on this initiative. Collaboration with these sectors is essential for securing the funding, resources, and support needed to make the Riverina Men's Health Centre a reality and to maximise its impact within the wider community**

Based on the consultation undertaken with key stakeholders about what they want the proposed Riverina Men's Health Centre model to offer to men, staff completed a desk top review and consulted with representatives from the WWHC and Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD), to attempt to locate any non-clinical men's health centre models existing in NSW or nationally.

Across Australia there are numerous men's health centre models that appear to be all physical health related medical services in clinical settings with some funded by state health agencies, along with fees for service and other funding streams, for example, sponsorship agreements. There are scaled up models like the Bendigo Community Health Services 'Men's Health Clinic' (<https://www.bchs.com.au/our-services/doctors-specialists/mens-health-clinic/>), which provides health education programs and health assessments to link into support to achieve a 'healthier lifestyle' for men. This service has fees and some bulk billing options available for services like health assessments, mental health plans and wound dressing. This service is a registered charity employing over 270 staff across 6 sites and offers more than 50 services funded through various government health programs, community donations, and sponsorships. There are many specific fee for service clinical models available for men which are focused on addressing physical health issues like erectile dysfunction, heart disease and prostate cancer, for example, Men's Health Clinic at North Sydney (<http://menshealthclinic.com.au/>), Men's Health Melbourne (<https://www.menshealthmelbourne.com.au/>), and Men's Health Downunder (<https://menshealthdownunder.com.au/>). There are also smaller, community-based non-profit models such as the Men & Family Centre (<https://menandfamily.org.au/>) in Lismore, which is focused on men's behavioral change programs, funded by Women NSW and the NSW Department of Communities and Justice.

The models listed above do employ women in some capacity which, based on feedback with stakeholders, is not supported as the preferred model for the proposed Riverina Men's Health Centre. Notably, feedback to staff from stakeholders emphasised that any service model developed must be a non-clinical, community-led service, governed by a community-led board of management consisting of men with various leadership skills and knowledge, employing a team of all male practitioners including a coordinator, administration staff, and male health program officers.

It is important to note that, consistently, male stakeholders interviewed described the Wagga Women's Health Centre model as the ideal model to mirror in the establishment of a Riverina Men's Health Centre, out of a genuine admiration for the WWHC's longevity and impact of this service in our community. Feedback received identified that the proposed men's health or 'wellbeing' centre, which was also a term coined by some stakeholders, should not be led by clinical health services or behavioral change programs. Rather it should be a men's community health hub, where clinical programs could be delivered by service agencies scheduled to attend the proposed centre. Like the WWHC, stakeholder feedback emphasised that this proposed service model should deliver a schedule of non-clinical programs that addressed service gaps and the needs of men including, but not limited to, group and individual counselling in a safe male only environment, mental health, wellbeing, fitness and nutrition, legal and financial literacy, along with social activities and programs that address social isolation and lack of community networks. Like the

WWHC the proposed centre would act as a soft entry referral path for men requiring further support from GPs and other medical or specialist services if required.

For Councillors' awareness, the Wagga Women's Health Centre Inc. has been advocating for women's rights in Wagga Wagga since 1979, led by women for women. Today, it is registered formally as an incorporated association which requires a membership who pay a nominal annual fee from which the volunteer management committee is elected. This community-led governance structure was admired by all the stakeholders consulted in the development of this report, with the understanding that every organisation needs to evolve and develop at its own pace. The WWHC also services girls and likewise it was noted in the consultations that the proposed Riverina Men's Health Centre should cater for the needs of boys and men alike.

### **Consultation with key stakeholders**

Staff conducted preliminary stakeholder focus groups and one-on-one meetings to establish an initial understanding of what local male leaders and key stakeholders envisage in a health centre for men in Wagga Wagga. It is important to note that all stakeholders were adamant in their feedback that the proposed Riverina Men's Health Centre should be planned, delivered, and run by men for men.

Governance is key to such a proposal building momentum and will set the foundation for long-term strategic success along with access to long term funding options. Based on the initial feedback received, there was a clear and consistent vision for the centre, that it should be a community-led board or management committee that operates independently from government and non-government services. With a governance structure established, this board/management committee would then be able to receive funding from government to employ a male identifying coordinator and team who would liaise with local funded services providing outreach/in-service options for men in this gendered-safe space.

An advocate for men's mental health and founder of the Murrumbidgee Men's Group stated during the consultation process that the proposed centre needs to be based in a home-like setting in the Central Business District (CBD), or outer central Wagga area, similar to what has been achieved for the WWHC, that would be discreet and welcoming for men, with only male-identifying employees, volunteers, and service workers operating the centre.

In terms of financial operations that would need to be established to support the proposed centre, it is important to note that the WWHC is a member of the Women's Health NSW network and is funded operationally through the NSW Ministry of Health on an annual basis. To supplement this baseline funding, the WWHC actively applies for project and service-based state funding, seeking sponsorship and fundraising donations from the community as a registered charity as well. The purchase and fit out of the building owned and operated by the WWHC in Peter Street was achieved through years of fundraising by volunteers, supported by local leaders, local businesses and organisations to achieve the fundraising goals to purchase the WWHC property in 2014.

Representatives from WWHC advised staff that their service operation model has two 'work streams', being clients and community. The five focus areas of client service

provision are: crisis, case management, health services, therapy program, and social programs, while their community development stream relates to advocacy, community engagement, and primary prevention work.

Based on desktop research to date, the proposed community-led Riverina Men's Health Centre would be a new service model as there is no other model like the one proposed existing in NSW or nationally. Similar to the WWHC model, and in order to establish the proposed Riverina Men's Health Centre so that it can operate sustainably, an annual funding source would need to be sourced with the NSW government such as NSW Health, to employ the male only centre staff.

The table below outlines the key stakeholders consulted and key themes and feedback provided that has informed this report.

Representatives	Key themes & feedback
Men's Consultation Group members	The proposed men's health centre forms part of a broader set of short- and long-term goals for the group with the key focus of proposed centre being led by men for men. This item is one of several initiatives currently being considered as a focus of work by this group. This men's leadership group is currently working to establish priority projects to focus on delivering in the primary prevention of gender-based violence in our community.
Murrumbidgee Men's Group	A safe, trauma informed and supportive place for boys and men of all backgrounds, experiences, and circumstances, to connect, heal, and learn together. Model to be established should be led and managed by men for men and must be inclusive and welcoming to all. The WWHC is the ideal community-led model to base and develop a "Riverina Men's Wellness Centre".
Wagga Wagga Women's Health Centre (Chair, Director and practitioners)	Establish a male-only safe, trauma resolved service framework to provide boys and men's health services, positive role modelling, and social connection opportunities in the prevention of domestic and family violence. This proposed service would also facilitate respectful and meaningful conversations about the evolution of gender, masculinity, and identity; to be led and administered by men for men. Willingness of the WWHC to share their own successful community-led service model that has been built and refined over a 50-year period of service to the women of Wagga Wagga and surrounding region.
Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga (Practitioners)	Support for male-led and managed service providing a safe space for social connections outside of alcohol-based, gambling venues for men with translated resources, trauma informed, culturally safe, for example, a prayer room to fulfill faith commitments, and no eligibility for participation in health programs with consideration for

Representatives	Key themes & feedback
	boys and men living with disabilities and their male carers.
NSW Community Corrections (Management and practitioners)	When immediate needs of post incarceration are met, e.g. housing, employment, there could be an opportunity to connect men released from incarceration with this type of male-led and administered service for the long term to support positive living skills and community connections.
First Nations Elder and Cultural Knowledge Holders	A safe space created by men for men to address the specific needs of boys and men in our community. Connection with country is critical to the centre success, culturally and trauma informed strengths-based programming, inclusive of the LGBTQIA+ community, to debunk misconceptions of masculinity and safely attend to sense of disconnection, disenfranchisement with some male cohorts and assist in issues relating to employment, housing, mental health, disability, and wellbeing.
LGBTQIA+ community members	<p>Creating safe and judgement-free places for LGBTQIA+ men and masc-people is important. The centre will need safeguards in place to ensure that the male management committee and male team members ensure male-identifying people from all identities and experiences are welcomed into the space. The space should look beyond clinical services and seek to attend to all aspects of health in a person, to be their best self.</p> <p>In line with the National Men's Health Strategy 2020-2030, the terminology used when referring to men and boys, should not exclude masculine people, trans-men, and other male-identifying people of diverse sexualities.</p>
Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network (Management feedback based on clinical practice)	Supportive of investigation into non-clinical model of health to support men in our community. Invited members of a future men's health centre working group to present their model and plans to the Health Precinct Advisory Group who would welcome the opportunity to discuss and learn more about what this service model could offer to address gaps in service for men living in Wagga Wagga and surrounding areas.

### **NOM-1 Riverina Men's Health Centre**

- f receives a report on the process to establish a Riverina Men's Health Centre which includes, but is not limited to:**
- i who the key stakeholders are.**
  - ii the steps involved.**
  - iii the role of Council.**
  - iv consideration of a steering committee or other such panel such as a stakeholder advisory group to oversee and guide the initial development of this centre.**



This staff report details initial engagement with community stakeholders on the health needs of men in our community, allowing them to express their views of what a men's health centre could look like in the future. Given the expressed view in the feedback received by staff is for a dedicated community-led men's health centre, by men for men, it is crucial at this point that a dedicated community-led working group of men is established with the express purpose of working together to undertake further planning and investigation on the establishment of a Riverina Men's Health Centre. The working group could be a subgroup of the established Men's Consultative Group or could include some of these members along with other men recruited to be members of this dedicated volunteer working group.

After this group is established their work would, in the first instance, need to focus on further consultation with the broader male-identifying community groups and individuals, noting that this report only details initial discussions with a selection of key stakeholders. Further extensive consultation led by this volunteer working group should seek to engage, but not be limited to, the following demographic groups: boys and adult men from First Nations, culturally and linguistically diverse, masculine and male-identifying members of the LGBTQIA+ community, disability, sport, Defence (serving and retired), religious and spiritual leaders, and male social service practitioners. Consultation should also occur more generally in the community, along with other community organisations and government funding agencies. This work would form the evidence required to build a detailed Business Case for the model of service to be established. As detailed in the petition received on 23 April 2025 in support of the establishment of a *'Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga'*, this petition should be attached to any future business case as evidence of community wide support to progress this proposed centre.

Further mentoring and strategic planning support would need to be funded. To support a future Riverina Men's Health Centre working group it is suggested that they would engage men with particular skill sets to undertake the following steps:

- Establishment of a Riverina Men's Health Centre governance structure, including mission and vision.
- Develop a detailed Business Case, including workforce planning, risk management, scoping and development of detail design for capital works program and budget or property lease/ownership ventures, business model of operation, service program schedule, and financial viability plan.
- Identify and pursue partnerships and state government funding sources for operations.

### **Council's role**

Council plays an active role advocating and working in partnership with multiple local not for profit organisations, government agencies, and community groups, to raise awareness of domestic and family violence (DFV) and supporting the implementation of community-informed prevention and intervention strategies. It is important to note that Council is not a direct service provider as our community has state-funded local service providers contracted to lead and provide a range of health services including domestic and family violence crisis and intervention support services.

With the feedback received from stakeholders highlighting the importance that this project must be community-led, by men for men, ultimately the planning of the next stages of this proposed centre will require a community-led men's working group to be established to focus on the continued planning of this proposed centre.

Council can provide practical support to community groups who lead these types of initiatives to benefit their planning and development. Council's commitment to the community is also outlined in the organisation's adopted Advocacy Plan which includes a statement of commitment toward the prevention of Domestic and Family Violence: "We will advocate for resources and funding levels that support the front-line services and other organisations addressing coercive control, abuse and violence and their delivery of preventative programs to address gender equity and respectful relationships".

In the first instance the practical support Council can offer to a future community-led working group is the provision of a safe, accessible meeting space, along with support letters and information on future funding opportunities available at a State and Federal level that prioritise this type of community initiative project. As the project concept and business model progresses, this working group would be able to consider any future expression of interest public notifications by Council regarding community leasing opportunities and express an interest through Council's public submission process.

## Summary

The success of the Men's Leadership Forum in July 2024 has had a catalytic effect on local male community leaders as seen in the establishment of the Men's Consultative Group co-chaired by the WWHC and a representative from the Men's Consultative Group. The membership of this group consists of male community leaders representing the perspectives of First Nations and multicultural communities, non-government support services and government agencies, alongside male representatives from all tiers of government.

The concept of a Riverina Men's Health Centre is still in the early stages of concept planning. To further investigate the viability of this proposal, it is crucial at this point that a dedicated community-led working group of men is established with the express purpose of working together to undertake further planning on the establishment a Riverina Men's Health Centre.

Along with a literature review and audit of current services available for men's health in the city, this staff report provides Councillors with initial stakeholder feedback, which has strongly directed that this proposed centre must be a community-led health service model, led by men for men. Feedback from stakeholders has emphasised that this proposed centre must not be government-led or operated, stating instead that it must be community-led with future operations to be underpinned by state funding, operating along similar lines to the successful 50-year business operations of the Wagga Women's Health Centre model.

Council can lend support to any future Riverina Men's Health Centre working group in the form of practical support, for example, the provision of a safe, accessible meeting space, along with advocacy to other levels of government for services such as the proposed Riverina Men's Health Centre and provide letters of support for any future

funding bids a working group identifies to support the development of the proposed centre.

To respect the feedback received from stakeholders consulted during the development of this staff report, and in order that Council have a community contact point on this matter, it is suggested that staff contact the Men's Consultative Group to provide them with the report's findings. This would be so this Group can ascertain if they will lead the work needed to be undertaken now or engage with other male groups or individuals to establish a Riverina Men's Health Centre working group to progress the planning of the proposed Riverina Men's Health Centre.

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### **Financial Implications**

This report does not request any financial commitments be undertaken by Council. Any future resourcing requests to Council would be considered on merit at that time and be subject to separate reports to Council.

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### **Policy and Legislation**

Petitions Management Policy POL 086

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### **Link to Strategic Plan**

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#### **Regional Leadership**

Leadership - Wagga Wagga is a regional leader and advocates for improved outcomes for our community

Provide strategic direction and leadership for our region to deliver key community priorities.

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### **Risk Management Issues for Council**

N/A

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### **Internal / External Consultation**

At the ordinary meeting Council resolved that staff undertake consultation with a number of stakeholders to seek input and bring back the findings to Council on a proposed new service model to respond to service gaps identified and outlined in this staff report for a proposed Riverina Men's Health Centre to be established in the city.

Staff completed an initial engagement process with community representatives including Elders and cultural knowledge holders, Wagga Wagga Women's Health Centre, Men's Consultation Group, Murrumbidgee Men's Group, Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga, Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network, Corrective Services NSW – NSW Department of Communities and Justice, and members of the LGBTIQ+ community.

Internal consultation was also undertaken with the Property, Corporate Planning, and Community Services teams.

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## Attachments

1.  Response to NOM - Riverina Men's Health Centre - Petition
2.  Response to NOM - Riverina Men's Health Centre - Letters of Support
3.  Response to NOM - Riverina Men's Health Centre - Mens Health Audit

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This petition is to advocate and lobby for a Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga Wagga. A men's wellness centre will provide holistic support to the men of our city and surrounding areas. Men in our region, like others around the country, encounter many health challenges including mental health, physical health, family and relationship issues, legal issues and many more. This centre can help to bridge the gap by providing holistic support encompassing physical, mental, and emotional health. A Wellness Centre in Wagga will be a safe space for men to initiate health-related conversations and provide crucial resources to the men of our region. We urge health authorities and government to take action on this important matter to support the men of our region. Please sign this petition to show your support for the establishment of a Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga.



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Jason Lagaali	Wagga Wagga	2650	Australia	1/20/2025
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Mick Small	Sydney	2190	Australia	1/20/2025
Anthony Hackett	Sydney	2095	Australia	1/20/2025
Patrick Lawson	Wagga Wagga	2650	Australia	1/20/2025
Jamahl Morris	Wagga Wagga	2650	Australia	1/20/2025
Meah Charles	Sydney	2000	Australia	1/20/2025



Chris Plum	Ladysmith		2652 Australia	1/20/2025
Robyn McKie	Sydney		2134 Australia	1/20/2025
Brianna Curtis	Sydney		2234 Australia	1/20/2025
Jonathan Bobon	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Jackson Taylor	Koorimal		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Adam Stagg	Albury		2640 Australia	1/20/2025
Billy Kelly	Sydney		2000 Australia	1/20/2025
Shane Charles	Sydney		2131 Australia	1/20/2025
Norm Little	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Kellie Langborne	Wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Kyle Burgess	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Bonnie Gardner	Koorawatha		2807 Australia	1/20/2025
John Jordan	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Simon Henderson	Sydney		2007 Australia	1/20/2025
Jordyn McDonald	Coolamon		2701 Australia	1/20/2025
Rhondra Langborne	Sydney	New South	2226 Australia	1/20/2025
Rachael Hyde	Narrandera		2700 Australia	1/20/2025
Mulholland Paul	Sanctuary Point		2540 Australia	1/20/2025
Dylan Bateman	Sydney		2141 Australia	1/20/2025
Christine Duncan	Sydney		2075 Australia	1/20/2025
Cameron Hall	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Hannah Hyde	Melbourne		3011 Australia	1/20/2025
Kristina Furner	Sydney		2156 Australia	1/20/2025
Michelle Pellow			2587 Australia	1/20/2025
trey charles	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Cindy Ceccato	Sydney		2151 Australia	1/20/2025
Luke Eagle	GUMLY GUMLY		2652 Australia	1/20/2025
Rachel Little	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Malcolm Charles	Sydney		2165 Australia	1/20/2025
Cassey Little	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Lisa Rowley	Young		2594 Australia	1/20/2025
Cam Taylor	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Chris Bryant	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Scott Price	Tatton		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Neville Bamblett	Narrandera		2700 Australia	1/20/2025
Sam Trood	Sydney		2065 Australia	1/20/2025
Kane McCrea	Torquay	TQ1	United Kingdom	1/20/2025
Matthew Crozier	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Talara Freeman	Kingsvale		2587 Australia	1/20/2025
stef Edson	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Nicole Prior	Narrawallee		2539 Australia	1/20/2025
Amylee Woodland	Sydney		2131 Australia	1/20/2025
Alex Coburn	Sydney		2033 Australia	1/20/2025
Jay Bateman	Sydney		2000 Australia	1/20/2025

Renee Maslin	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Kelly Shockley	Koorringal		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Paige Charles	Griffith	Queenslar	2680 Australia	1/20/2025
Kaine Brennan	Wodonga		3690 Australia	1/20/2025
Joshua Crockatt	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Cheryl Penrith	Sydney		2000 Australia	1/20/2025
Kate G	Wagga wagga		2000 Australia	1/20/2025
Jed Sainsbury	Sydney		2040 Australia	1/20/2025
Matthew Kimball	Beveridge		3753 Australia	1/20/2025
Alfred Thomas	Lake Cargelligo nsw		2672 Australia	1/20/2025
Dean Smart	Sydney		2041 Australia	1/20/2025
Claudia Haines	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Eddie Lagaali	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
John Jack	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Adam Pieper			2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Matthew Roose	Melbourne		3068 Australia	1/20/2025
Anna Sutcliffe	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Zoe Fitzsimmons	Wagga Wagga		2660 Australia	1/20/2025
Simon Azzopardi	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Jessica Burgess	Sydney		2045 Australia	1/20/2025
Shaun Guff	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Cathy Eldridge			2652 Australia	1/20/2025
Amanda Bainbridge	Sydney		2193 Australia	1/20/2025
Lisa Kemp	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/20/2025
Natasha Tonkin	Sydney		2042 Australia	1/20/2025
Kyle Taylor	Wagga Wagga		2651 Australia	1/20/2025
Spencer Barberis	Sydney		2141 Australia	1/21/2025
Jay Vidler	Wagga		2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Jenna Flakelar	Central Coast		2257 Australia	1/21/2025
Caden Byrne	Sydney		2010 Australia	1/21/2025
Elizabeth Altoft	Matong		2652 Australia	1/21/2025
Kim Wilson	Sydney		2131 Australia	1/21/2025
ROGER Smith	Sydney		2137 Australia	1/21/2025
Gazza Kowal			Australia	1/21/2025
Jacqueline Buchana	Wagga		2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Billie Charles	Koorringal		2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Amanda Elgayar	Koorringal		2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Olivia Simpson	Sydney		2142 Australia	1/21/2025
Alfred Winrow	Ganmain NSW		2702 Australia	1/21/2025
Jade Hodge	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Helen Chitts	Narrandera		2700 Australia	1/21/2025
Reyhan Sarikaya	Melbourne		3001 Australia	1/21/2025
Owen James	Sydney		2145 Australia	1/21/2025
Shanae Pope	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/21/2025

Brad Mescia	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Kaiesha Nye	Tralee	2620 Australia	1/21/2025
Tash Eagle	Wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Erin Babbs		812 Australia	1/21/2025
Tom hogan	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Lee Sweeney	Narrandera	2700 Australia	1/21/2025
Fred Gibbs	Sydney	2161 Australia	1/21/2025
donna higgins	wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Tahmecca Stoll	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Sharon Jones	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Tracey O'Grady	Sydney	2042 Australia	1/21/2025
Steven Tracey	Sydney	2161 Australia	1/21/2025
Raam Raj	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
James Winter	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Christopher Coote	Sydney	2142 Australia	1/21/2025
Brandon Brown	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Russell Skarratt	Albury	2641 Australia	1/21/2025
Justin Young	Traralgon	3844 Australia	1/21/2025
Jayda Fekeila	Wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Anita-Marie O'Dea	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Matt Bye	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Jarvis Undy	Melbourne	3186 Australia	1/21/2025
Scotty Bennett	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Graeme Hanlon	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Katey Mulholland	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Jason Mitchell	Sydney	2067 Australia	1/21/2025
Tom Martin	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Norman Mccoulloug w		2652 Australia	1/21/2025
Priscilla Robertson	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Damia Robertson	Brisbane	4133 Australia	1/21/2025
Samantha Costin	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
tyla ingram	Sydney	2700 Australia	1/21/2025
Tony Kelly	Coolamon	2701 Australia	1/21/2025
Thor Kristinsson	Wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Kathryn Hobbs	Sydney	2049 Australia	1/21/2025
Neil Stainthorp	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Barry Collins	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Simone Jolley	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Chris Niki	Sydney	2000 Australia	1/21/2025
Ben Huntly	Griffith	2680 Australia	1/21/2025
Alyse Cox	Coleambally	2707 Australia	1/21/2025
Kathryn Niki	Newcastle	2290 Australia	1/21/2025
Bec Touzel	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Robert Rathbone	Sydney	2000 Australia	1/21/2025

Ben Alexander	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	1/21/2025
Glynis Crossing	TOLLAND		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Rikki Davis	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Simon Tillmanns	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Amy Woolstencroft	Sydney		2079 Australia	1/22/2025
Jay Graham	Ballarat		3350 Australia	1/22/2025
Joy Smith	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Lauren Kelly	Wagga Wagg		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Sandra Richardson	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Jacinta Counihan	Sydney		2196 Australia	1/22/2025
Kristy Winters	Sydney		2190 Australia	1/22/2025
Tracey GAIA	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Zachary Morden-Jon	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Dylan Taylor	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Dave Galvin	Lake Albert		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Julie Cross	Sydney		2170 Australia	1/22/2025
Emma Bromham	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Brody Tracey	Sydney		2161 Australia	1/22/2025
Helen Black	Sydney		2088 Australia	1/22/2025
Lyn Saunders	Sydney		2007 Australia	1/22/2025
Rory McKenzie	Sydney		2000 Australia	1/22/2025
Cheryl Wotton	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Tracey Page	Sydney		2161 Australia	1/22/2025
Melissa Robinson	Hervey Bay		4655 Australia	1/22/2025
Mason Lee	Wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Thom Paton	Wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Bec Taylor	Wagga		2651 Australia	1/22/2025
Briohny Fox	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Ciaran Carmichael	Wagga Wagga	New South	2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Grant Roben	Sydney		2043 Australia	1/22/2025
Tom Irons	Tenterfield		2372 Australia	1/22/2025
Timothy Manwaring			Australia	1/22/2025
Rob Cleland	Sydney		2049 Australia	1/22/2025
Morgan Kerry	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Jake Summerfield	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Damian Dodds	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Tania Jones	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Jayden Dobson	Sydney		2016 Australia	1/22/2025
J Curran	Wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Leanne Sainsbury	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Mitch Fealy	Sydney		2142 Australia	1/22/2025
myalina fonua	wagga wagga		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Steven Ehite	Sydney		2131 Australia	1/22/2025
Brenton Armstrong	Sydney		2000 Australia	1/22/2025

jacob wood	wagga	2046 Australia	1/22/2025
Amelia Harris	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Lucy Francis	Sydney	2088 Australia	1/22/2025
Kahli Smart	Wagga	2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Minya Harris	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Andrew Carlin	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Marjan Duggan	Wagga wagga	2711 Australia	1/22/2025
Teressa Reihana	Sydney	2046 Australia	1/22/2025
Gráinne Myles	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Jesse Richardson	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Karen Spinks	Hobart	7000 Australia	1/22/2025
Bert Lawatsch	Melbourne	3006 Australia	1/22/2025
Lorinda O'Mara	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/22/2025
brent castle	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Kerry Schirmer	Sydney	2140 Australia	1/22/2025
Michelle jacht	Sydney	2141 Australia	1/22/2025
Hanin Halabi	Sydney	2142 Australia	1/22/2025
Deb Bellamy	Sydney	2213 Australia	1/22/2025
Christopher Hartshc	Sydney	2196 Australia	1/22/2025
Troy Crisp	Sydney	2200 Australia	1/22/2025
Ben Appo	Brooklyn	2083 Australia	1/22/2025
Kate Wilson	Sydney	2191 Australia	1/22/2025
Tony Blake	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Elisha Puccini	Bullsbrook	6084 Australia	1/22/2025
Megan Steele	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Jane Montgomery	Sydney	2131 Australia	1/22/2025
Emily Roach	Sydney	2087 Australia	1/22/2025
Jo Kidman	Sydney	2761 Australia	1/22/2025
Alex Watt	Sydney	2000 Australia	1/22/2025
Raymond l'u	Sydney	2200 Australia	1/22/2025
Mellissa Brooksby	Sydney	2130 Australia	1/22/2025
Svetlana Manns		2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Sam Parker	Sydney	2209 Australia	1/22/2025
Daniel Fellows	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Kieran Schauf	Sydney	2000 Australia	1/22/2025
Melissa Anesbury	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	1/22/2025
Sarah Dawson	Wagga	2650 Australia	1/22/2025
David Gordon	Brisbane	4005 Australia	1/22/2025
Bianca Hamilton	Sydney	2134 Australia	1/22/2025
Monique Kitchener	Coolamon	2701 Australia	1/22/2025
Cynthia Hyde	Sydney	2560 Australia	1/22/2025
Nick Brett	Sydney	2145 Australia	1/22/2025
Taylah Frazier	Sydney	2203 Australia	1/22/2025
Brad Neal	Sydney	2046 Australia	1/22/2025

Kim Montgomery	Cootamundra	2590 Australia	1/23/2025
Emma Grant	Boorooma	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Solomon Medhane	Perth	6001 Australia	1/23/2025
Dianne Dodds		2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Chais Hampton	Tuggerah	2259 Australia	1/23/2025
Shai-lee Fairman	Sydney	2145 Australia	1/23/2025
Brody Rigg	Sydney	2000 Australia	1/23/2025
Karissa Undy	Griffith	2680 Australia	1/23/2025
Mel Vidler	WAGGA WAGGA	2140 Australia	1/23/2025
Milika Tuinakauvadr	Canberra	2603 Australia	1/23/2025
Mitchell Andrews	Sydney	2007 Australia	1/23/2025
Spencer McGill	Deniliquin	2710 Australia	1/23/2025
Mandy Rygg	Sydney	2067 Australia	1/23/2025
Liam Wooden	Sydney	2145 Australia	1/23/2025
Carl Little	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Dan Walsh	Canberra	2905 Australia	1/23/2025
Sebastian Sergi	Melbourne	3042 Australia	1/23/2025
Jeremy Hampton	Sydney	2131 Australia	1/23/2025
Ann Husband	Central Coast	2250 Australia	1/23/2025
Mark Therkelsen	Brisbane	4122 Australia	1/23/2025
Kirby Judd	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Clare Norbury	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Courtney Inglis	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Aleesha Williams	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Cameron Johnston	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Michael Vincent	Sydney	2148 Australia	1/23/2025
Marilyn Irons		2101 Australia	1/23/2025
Todd Williams	Dubbo	2830 Australia	1/23/2025
Shane Glass	Sydney	2007 Australia	1/23/2025
Brad Rogers	Sydney	2066 Australia	1/23/2025
Reihanen Spooner	Melbourne	3066 Australia	1/23/2025
Steven Murray	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Kye Gordon	Sydney	2140 Australia	1/23/2025
Morgan Hull	Forest Hill	2651 Australia	1/23/2025
Shamra Holloway	Charles Sturt University	2678 Australia	1/23/2025
Troy Pietsch	lake albert	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Pam Foster-Stonhar	York WA	6302 Australia	1/23/2025
Sean Porter	Sydney	2209 Australia	1/23/2025
Wouter Kalle	Marrar	2652 Australia	1/23/2025
Latika sharndil	Narrandera	2709 Australia	1/23/2025
Paul James	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Gage Baxter	Sydney	2118 Australia	1/23/2025
Craig Maguire	Melbourne	3001 Australia	1/23/2025
Tegan Pollack		2722 Australia	1/23/2025



Matthew Finemore	Marsden	4032 Australia	1/23/2025
Cameron Lloyd	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Jenny Nechvatal	Sydney	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Lucy Croker	Wagga	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Lionel Harris	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Jaime L		4212 Australia	1/23/2025
Martin Preuss	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Colin Glass	Sydney	2010 Australia	1/23/2025
Jamie MacDonald	Sydney	2165 Australia	1/23/2025
Catherine Martin		Australia	1/23/2025
Oliver Crispin	Wagga Wagga	2840 Australia	1/23/2025
Rasma Andrews	Adelaide	5000 Australia	1/23/2025
Simone Mescia	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Will Lowen	Wagga-wagga	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Josh Siegwalt	Waverley Municipal Council	2024 Australia	1/23/2025
Natalie A	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Craig Jones	Sydney	2161 Australia	1/23/2025
Louisa Slinger	Brisbane	4006 Australia	1/23/2025
Craig Dobson	Sydney	2200 Australia	1/23/2025
Margaret Pope	Adelaide	5000 Australia	1/23/2025
Jane-Marie Southwo	Perth	6000 Australia	1/23/2025
Tyler Keogh	Sydney	2768 Australia	1/23/2025
Jessie Cutting		5062 Australia	1/23/2025
Fiona Capewell	Wodonga	3690 Australia	1/23/2025
Sue Honey	Wagga	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Will Morton		2486 Australia	1/23/2025
Jesse Bellchambers	Sydney	2207 Australia	1/23/2025
Kel Mac	Sunshine coast	4558 Australia	1/23/2025
Melinda Cosgrove		4680 Australia	1/23/2025
donna cobby	Tolland	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Margaret Cox	Sydney	2119 Australia	1/23/2025
Kate Pryor	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Jessica Waddell	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/23/2025
Tom Neeves	Sydney	2204 Australia	1/23/2025
pamela day		2540 Australia	1/23/2025
Anastasia McWilliam	orange	2800 Australia	1/23/2025
Sue Dolby	Dorriga	2453 Australia	1/24/2025
emily parker	Sydney	2560 Australia	1/24/2025
Bree Ryan	Sydney	2130 Australia	1/24/2025
David Cannon	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/24/2025
Michael Bayles	Koorringal	2650 Australia	1/24/2025
Debbie Maynard	Perth	6031 Australia	1/24/2025
Helen Bishop	Sydney	2040 Australia	1/24/2025
Scott Enright	Melbourne	3071 Australia	1/24/2025

Natasha Sherwood	Newcastle		2300 Australia	1/24/2025
Shae Bartaska			3138 Australia	1/24/2025
Luke Kemp	Sydney		2145 Australia	1/24/2025
Jeanette Watson	Fremantle	Western A	6160 Australia	1/24/2025
Leila Jones	Adelaide		5098 Australia	1/24/2025
Melissa Dawe	Uranquinty		2652 Australia	1/24/2025
Emily Watts	Sydney		2203 Australia	1/24/2025
Angus Worner	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/24/2025
Anthony Doyle			2650 Australia	1/24/2025
James Curgenvin	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	1/24/2025
dorothy brackley			6062 Australia	1/24/2025
lateesha Pengelly	Wagga		2650 Australia	1/24/2025
Steve Mcallister	Sydney		2146 Australia	1/24/2025
Vince Iirilli	Wagga		2650 Australia	1/24/2025
Dave Elle	Adelaide		5000 Australia	1/24/2025
Jessica Lucas	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/24/2025
Dylan Ingram	Sydney		2133 Australia	1/25/2025
Oliver Chojnacki Oli	Stockinbingal		2725 Australia	1/25/2025
Bre Knobel	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/25/2025
Richard Moffatt	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/25/2025
Tracy RICHARDSON	Sydney		2140 Australia	1/25/2025
Monica Haddad	Sydney		2146 Australia	1/25/2025
Irene Baldwin	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/25/2025
Damien Luck	Sydney		2007 Australia	1/25/2025
Jessica Costello			Australia	1/25/2025
Clare Doran			2754 Australia	1/26/2025
Johanna Elms	Sydney		2045 Australia	1/26/2025
John Hendry	Sydney		2071 Australia	1/26/2025
Kelly Wilson	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/26/2025
Annabelle Grundy	Albury		2641 Australia	1/26/2025
Benjamin White	Sydney		2099 Australia	1/26/2025
lisa stevens	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/26/2025
Lara Petersen	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/26/2025
Rosemary Hinton	Melbourne		3029 Australia	1/26/2025
Denis Moulds	Sydney		2140 Australia	1/26/2025
Chris Honey	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	1/26/2025
Joshua Eldridge	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	1/26/2025
Teresa Johnson			2651 Australia	1/26/2025
kathrynne Grundy	Perth		6372 Australia	1/26/2025
Simon Cannon	Table Top		2640 Australia	1/26/2025
Anna Carey	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	1/26/2025
Mary Patterson	Sydney		2190 Australia	1/26/2025
Jeannette Gerhard	June	22572663	Australia	1/26/2025
Annette Francis	Sydney		2000 Australia	1/26/2025



Alice Ryan	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/26/2025
Wayne White	Adelaide	5072 Australia	1/26/2025
Penny Cronin	Sydney	2000 Australia	1/26/2025
Tom Horrocks	Sydney	2154 Australia	1/27/2025
Nathan Shea	Sydney	2144 Australia	1/27/2025
Jayden Douglas	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	1/27/2025
Alana Maree		2321 Australia	1/27/2025
Karen White	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/27/2025
Jarred Douglas	Wagga	2650 Australia	1/27/2025
ladan hagbin	Caulfield South	3162 Australia	1/27/2025
Jimmy Findlay	Koorngal	2650 Australia	1/27/2025
Ed Watkins	Melbourne	3121 Australia	1/28/2025
Liam Frauenfelder	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/28/2025
William Weeden	Sydney	2069 Australia	1/28/2025
Jono Obrien	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	1/28/2025
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Gary Dale	Woodridge	4207 Australia	1/28/2025
anthony williams		2645 Australia	1/28/2025
Rachel Leung	Sydney	2135 Australia	1/28/2025
Jess Coburn	Wagga	2650 Australia	1/29/2025
Cara Glover	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/29/2025
Melissa L'Estrange	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/29/2025
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Robyn Bawden	Gundagai	2722 Australia	1/29/2025
Stephanie Hill		6011 Australia	1/29/2025
Andrea Whyte	Sydney	2209 Australia	1/29/2025
Zakkary Prowse	Sydney	2145 Australia	1/29/2025
Sharni Bradley	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	1/29/2025
Saeid Mahmoudi		2830 Australia	1/29/2025
Adrianus Baaten	Wagga	2650 Australia	1/29/2025
Layhnee Kearnes	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/29/2025
Jessica Steer	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/29/2025
Tyrone Hoerler	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	1/29/2025
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Taylor Fieldsend	Wagga Wagga	2025 Australia	1/29/2025
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Teisha Toi	Albury	2641 Australia	1/29/2025
Shaelea Pattinson	Sydney	2046 Australia	1/29/2025
Shaun Mcfarlane	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/29/2025
Kaneesha Williams	Darlington point	2706 Australia	1/29/2025
Amanda Andrews	Wagga	2650 Australia	1/29/2025
Alicia McCracken	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/29/2025
Tiffany Burch	Brisbane	4170 Australia	1/29/2025
Rhys Lonerger	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	1/29/2025

Jade Flanagan	Sydney	2088 Australia	1/29/2025
Melissa Pitts	Bathurst	2795 Australia	1/29/2025
Jessica Simpson	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/29/2025
Lance Power	Wagga Wagga	20392650 Australia	1/29/2025
Liam Jones	Perth	6000 Australia	1/29/2025
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Damien Miller	Young	2594 Australia	1/30/2025
Gary Maher	Sydney	2161 Australia	1/30/2025
Tarnayar Hinch	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	1/30/2025
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Lisa Eather	Sydney	2134 Australia	1/30/2025
Sally Taber	Sydney	2144 Australia	1/30/2025
Chantelle Hayek	Newcastle	2289 Australia	1/30/2025
tom King	Melbourne	3011 Australia	1/30/2025
Ethan Kurtz	Sydney	2027 Australia	1/30/2025
Angela Johnson	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/30/2025
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Linda Ward	Wagga	2650 Australia	1/30/2025
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Tom Kennedy		2650 Australia	1/30/2025
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Paige Huthwaite	Wagga	2650 Australia	1/31/2025
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Ava Hopper	Brisbane	4000 Australia	1/31/2025
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David Grajfoner	Capel Sound.	3940 Australia	1/31/2025
Angela Galluzzo	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/31/2025
Darrell Foote	Adelaide	5033 Australia	1/31/2025
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Peter Revell	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	1/31/2025
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Tony Doyle		2650 Australia	1/31/2025
Michael Hackett	Sydney	2037 Australia	1/31/2025
Amanda Duran	Cronulla	2230 Australia	2/1/2025
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Michael Tuilau	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	2/1/2025
Natasha Press	Walla walla	2659 Australia	2/1/2025
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Liam Brown	Sydney	2068 Australia	2/2/2025
Farhad Ahmad	Surrey Hills	3127 Australia	2/2/2025
SHARON BREUST		2650 Australia	2/2/2025
Amanda Bruynesteyn		4812 Australia	2/2/2025
Bridgette Dunn	Adaide	5095 Australia	2/3/2025
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Rob Skinner	Sydney		2046 Australia	2/3/2025
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Patrick O'Brien	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	2/4/2025
Jack Sheargold	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	2/4/2025
olivia carey	Sydney		2000 Australia	2/4/2025
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Steph Elkins	Junee		2663 Australia	2/5/2025
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Liam Hill-Nelson	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	2/6/2025
Joel reid Reid	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	2/6/2025
Jake Pfeffer	Sydney		2145 Australia	2/6/2025
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Brianah Griffin	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	2/6/2025
Jenni Campbell	Wagga		2650 Australia	2/6/2025
Bernard Higgins	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	2/6/2025
Kate Stephens	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	2/6/2025
Dylan Lynch	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	2/6/2025
Corrie Putland	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	2/7/2025
Kim Trengove	Melbourne		3030 Australia	2/7/2025
Alana Nixon	Sydney		2113 Australia	2/7/2025
Barry Whiting	Kincumber		2251 Australia	2/7/2025
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Ben Brown	Melbourne		3004 Australia	2/8/2025
Kirrily Shaw	Sydney		2041 Australia	2/9/2025
John Polsen	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	2/9/2025
Luke Figliola	Melbourne		3141 Australia	2/9/2025
Glynis Parker	Perth		6000 Australia	2/10/2025
Oscar Bastian	Riverton		5412 Australia	2/11/2025
Megan Vanleeuwen	Morphett Vale	South Aust	5162 Australia	2/12/2025
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Ali Amani	Melbourne		3196 Australia	2/12/2025

Theresa Durman		5540 Australia	2/12/2025
Kirstin White	Melbourne	3124 Australia	2/13/2025
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Paul Fuller	Manor Lakes	3024 Australia	2/16/2025
Therese Kellett	Cape Otway	3233 Australia	2/16/2025
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Isaac Prior	Wagga	2650 Australia	2/17/2025
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Manni Jip	Wagga	2650 Australia	2/18/2025
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Luke Habkouk	Adelaide	5065 Australia	2/19/2025
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Matthew Taylor	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	2/21/2025
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Kevin Daly		7011 Australia	2/21/2025
Shilwant Gajghate	Adelaide	5001 Australia	2/22/2025
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Claudia Fowler	Perth	6000 Australia	2/22/2025
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CRAIG GOODLET	Melbourne	Australia	2/24/2025
Luke Wenke	Walla Walla	2659 Australia	2/24/2025
Mohammad baqir H.	Melbourne	3205 Australia	2/24/2025
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Lily Henderson	Melbourne	3000 Australia	2/26/2025
Debi McLean	Ballaarat East	3350 Australia	2/26/2025
Georgia Khalil	Sydney	2000 Australia	2/26/2025

Tenielle Russell	Williamstown	3016 Australia	2/26/2025
Landon Cisar	Melbourne	3001 Australia	2/26/2025
Jason Stojanoski	Melbourne	3340 Australia	2/26/2025
Amrita Syangbo	Melbourne	3000 Australia	2/27/2025
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Gina Germano	Fitzroy	3065 Australia	2/27/2025
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Krystal-Jade S		3038 Australia	2/27/2025
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Mitch Carey	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	2/27/2025
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Steve Barker	Sydney	2138 Australia	2/27/2025
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Jean Woods	Sydney	2170 Australia	2/27/2025
Cliff Morris	Central Coast	2262 Australia	2/27/2025
Kylie Fitzpatrick	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	2/27/2025
Justin Graham	Wagga	2650 Australia	2/27/2025
Denise McGrath	Yanco	2703 Australia	2/27/2025
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Angela Krause	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	2/27/2025
Michelle Fergusson	Sydney	2067 Australia	2/27/2025
John McRedmond	Sydney	2153 Australia	2/27/2025
Kylie Baumer	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	2/27/2025
Allie Stubenrauch	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	2/27/2025
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Renee Cunningham		3810 Australia	2/27/2025
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Rosel Najem	Wagga wagga	2650 Australia	2/28/2025
Brian Robinson	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	2/28/2025
Jai Bryon	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	2/28/2025
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Kim Dixon	Korora	2450 Australia	3/1/2025
Narelle Angel		2650 Australia	3/1/2025
Jaz S		Australia	3/2/2025
Jennie Nelson		4671 Australia	3/2/2025
Noah Fenwick	Ringwood	3134 Australia	3/3/2025
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Will Arthur	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	3/3/2025
Norma McMillan		3850 Australia	3/3/2025
Emma Burgess		Australia	3/4/2025
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Adrian Whitehead	WAGGA WAGGA	2650 Australia	3/6/2025

Christine Leidl	Wagga		2650 Australia	3/6/2025
Dave Blackney	Cootamundra		2590 Australia	3/7/2025
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Matt Dombrovski	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	3/8/2025
Hamish Shord	Perth		6111 Australia	3/8/2025
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Bronwyn Byrne	Mornington		6050 Australia	3/9/2025
Jessica Wolstenholr	Mont Albert		3127 Australia	3/11/2025
Gavin Kelly	Adelaide		5000 Australia	3/11/2025
Sam Lucas	Tumut		2720 Australia	3/11/2025
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Jessica Shipley	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	3/12/2025
Karyn Hardwick			3806 Australia	3/12/2025
Sandra Colston	Wangaratta		3677 Australia	3/12/2025
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Rodelyn Mole	Bunbury		6230 Australia	3/13/2025
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Maddison Havenste	Wagga wagga		2650 Australia	3/15/2025
Mark Bradbury	Sydney		2177 Australia	3/15/2025
Jasmine T	Melbourne		3003 Australia	3/15/2025
Jan Wells			2650 Australia	3/15/2025
Judy Carroll	Wagga Wagga		2650 Australia	3/16/2025
Liam Stewart	Hobart		7008 Australia	3/18/2025
Kholo Kwanrattana	Melbourne		3030 Australia	3/19/2025
Thomas Taylor	Adelaide		5085 Australia	3/19/2025
Alicia Marrott	Dapto		2530 Australia	3/19/2025
Jordan Millard	Geelong		3216 Australia	3/23/2025
John Morgan	Sydney		2140 Australia	3/25/2025
meg OSullivan	Riddells Creek		3429 Australia	3/26/2025
Stephanie Martin	Malvern East		3145 Australia	3/27/2025
Avika shukla	Adelaide		5000 Australia	3/27/2025
Helen Bryant	Cootamundra		2590 Australia	3/28/2025
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Patricia Moebus	Melbourne		3043 Australia	3/30/2025
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Anita Slaiwa	Sydney		2000 Australia	4/4/2025
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Mark Brown	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	4/10/2025
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Jason Carey	Sydney	2760 Australia	4/11/2025
Tony Alley	Deniliquin	2710 Australia	4/11/2025
Trevor Reasin	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	4/11/2025
Chris Wicks		2650 Australia	4/11/2025
Jacqueline Roberts	Wollongong	2502 Australia	4/12/2025
Kerri Walker	Wollongong	2500 Australia	4/12/2025
Simone Bowman	Sarina	4737 Australia	4/13/2025
Anita S	Flinders View	4305 Australia	4/13/2025
Jordan Barratt	Melbourne	3078 Australia	4/14/2025
Johanna Bianco	Sydney	2041 Australia	4/16/2025
Cameron Lloyd	Wagga Wagga	2650 Australia	4/16/2025



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To Whom It May Concern,

**Letter of Support – Men's Wellness Centre Wagga Wagga**

Mission Australia is pleased to express our support for the proposal to establish a Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga Wagga.

The need for such a facility is particularly evident in regional and rural areas, where access to essential health and wellness services can be more challenging. Men living in these areas can experience social isolation, which can exacerbate mental health challenges and feelings of loneliness. Additionally, family and relationship stress are common concerns that require tailored support to navigate effectively. This initiative will offer a vital lifeline, providing access to programs and services designed to address these complex issues and foster healthier, more connected communities.

Mission Australia believes that a dedicated Men's Wellness Centre will serve as a safe and supportive space to promote holistic wellness, reduce stigma surrounding mental health, and offer education and resources for managing social isolation, family challenges, and relationship stress. The centre's programs will undoubtedly have a positive impact, helping men in regional and rural communities to navigate life's difficulties and build stronger connections within their families and communities.

We commend the vision and effort behind this proposal and urge its approval and implementation to benefit not only the residents of Wagga Wagga but also those in surrounding regional and rural areas. Mission Australia is proud to stand behind this initiative and offers its full support.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Glisson  
Area Manager Murrumbidgee  
Mission Australia

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To it may concern;

Re: Support for Establishing a Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga Wagga

I am writing to express my strong support for the creation of a dedicated **Men's Wellness Centre** in our community. This initiative is not only timely, but necessary—given the rising concerns around men's mental, emotional, and physical health, and the current lack of accessible, inclusive services that cater specifically to their unique needs.

Men face a range of complex health issues, many of which are exacerbated by cultural expectations, stigma, and systemic gaps in support. From higher rates of suicide and substance abuse, to chronic illnesses often linked to stress, isolation, or lack of preventative care, the challenges are deeply rooted and often overlooked. Despite these pressing concerns, there remains a critical lack of safe, welcoming spaces where men can seek help without judgment.

A Men's Wellness Centre would serve as a vital hub for education, support, and healing. Services such as mental health counseling, physical health screenings, peer support groups, addiction recovery programs, and workshops on emotional intelligence and healthy relationships can make a profound difference in the lives of men across all ages and backgrounds.

Furthermore, such a centre would promote healthier families and communities overall. When men are supported in becoming healthier—emotionally and physically—they are better able to contribute to the wellbeing of those around them. This centre would not only serve individual men but ripple out positively to partners, children, and entire support networks.

Investing in men's wellness is not a luxury—it's a public health priority. I strongly urge all relevant stakeholders to consider the long-term social, economic, and emotional benefits of establishing a Men's Wellness Centre. I am confident that with the right support, this initiative can lead to lasting, meaningful change.

**Innes Clarke**

**Manager - Murrumbidgee**

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**Alex Osgood**

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**From:** Rhys Cummins <Murrumbidgeemg@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 24 April 2025 9:42 AM  
**To:** Alex Osgood  
**Subject:** Fw: Letter of support from Wagga Based Holistic Art Therapist.

Hi Alex,

A late letter of support that came through yesterday if it's not too late.

Regards  
Rhys

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**From:** Helen Cameron <helenlouisecameron@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 8:26 PM  
**To:** murrumbidgeemg@outlook.com <murrumbidgeemg@outlook.com>  
**Subject:** Letter of support from Wagga Based Holistic Art Therapist.

Hi there,  
My name is Helen and Thank you for the opportunity to share my support and words to help get the Wagga Men's Wellness Centre OPEN.

Here is my letter of support -

Do we need a Men's Wellness Centre?  
Absolutely, how could we not have this extraordinary, yet very-needed initiative come to fruition!

Our guys need this,  
our girls need this,  
our family needs this,  
our community needs this!

Our guys need our love and support, especially from those similar to themselves going through extraordinarily hard, challenging and sad times and have access to the best support services.

A space for our men to heal, recover, feel heard & seen, transform and thrive!  
They need this when they're well and when they're not well. We need this for our men of Wagga, young and old. Knowing this (MWC) is here and stands as an option and is readily available; how amazing, beneficial, necessary and vital.

Let's support this space of care, sharing, love, support, connection, groups, 1:1 counselling, the whole lot!  
Let's offer men's wellness art therapy groups (I'm here!), mindfulness and meditation groups, CBT/DBT, healing and thriving groups, strength based groups, crisis support, gardening, clay and woodwork groups and a wonderful cosy comfortable space to sit and be (or chat) and have resources readily to share.  
(I Know the guys behind this have amazing plans!)

Let's make it happen!  
Men's wellness matters always.

❤️ ☐ ☐

I am a Holistic Art Therapist in Wagga. I facilitate Art Therapy groups in our 3 mental health units at Wagga base hospital, Calvary drug and alcohol rehab, Grand pacific Health, in private practise and the Community. I work with lots of extraordinary men (and women) and these guys deserve and need their own Wellness Centre and healing space.

Our guys need this,  
our girls need this,  
our family needs this,

our community needs this!

Let's get the ball rolling!

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Thank you so much for your time,  
Helen.

**Helen Holcombe Art Therapy**  
**Holistic Art Therapist**  
**Helenholcombe.au**



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23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Riverina Medical and Dental Aboriginal Corporation. I am writing to express my strong support for the establishment of a Men's Wellness Centre in our region.

As a professional working in the community sector, I have seen the urgent need for accessible, inclusive, and culturally safe spaces where men can explore and support their wellness without judgement. In regional areas, men often face significant barriers to accessing help—ranging from stigma to the scarcity of local services.

A dedicated Men's Wellness Centre would fill a crucial gap. It would offer a welcoming space for connection, early intervention, and support—addressing challenges such as isolation, mental distress, substance use, relationship difficulties, and the impact of trauma. It could also promote prevention by supporting emotional wellbeing, healthy coping strategies, and community connection.

This kind of service would be especially important for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men in our area. I strongly recommend the centre be developed in consultation with local Elders and cultural leaders to ensure it is a culturally safe and responsive space. I fully endorse this initiative and believe it would bring lasting benefits to individual wellbeing, families, and our wider community. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further support or information.

Yours sincerely,

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CEO

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23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Karralika Programs, I am writing to offer our full support for the proposed establishment of a Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga Wagga.

As a local provider of drug and alcohol support services, we see the complex challenges faced by men in our region. Many are grappling not only with substance use but also with mental health issues, family breakdown, social isolation, and a lack of access to culturally appropriate, holistic support services. These challenges are often compounded in rural areas, where access to care and community connection is limited.

The creation of a dedicated Men's Wellness Centre would be a transformative step forward for Wagga Wagga and the surrounding region. Such a centre could provide a safe and welcoming space for men to access vital services, including mental health and addiction support, mentoring, health education, and community-building activities. The opportunity for men to engage in peer support and develop meaningful connections cannot be overstated — particularly in rural communities where mateship and a sense of belonging can be powerful tools for healing and growth.

Karralika Programs strongly supports the petition to establish this centre. We believe it has the potential to significantly reduce rates of mental illness, suicide, domestic violence, and substance use in our community. More than that, it offers a vision of hope, strength, and positive change for men and their families.

We commend those leading this important initiative and look forward to working in partnership to ensure its success.

Sincerely,

Althea Brunskill

Manager, Community Programs NSW





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22 April 2025

**RE: SUPPORT LETTER FOR ESTABLISHING A MEN'S WELLNESS CENTRE IN WAGGA WAGGA**

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to confirm my support for the proposed Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga Wagga. Pathways Murrumbidgee is a service that supports individuals impacted by alcohol and other drugs (AOD), in which we see firsthand the value of a specific, specialised and community based space for men's mental health and co-occurring needs.

Pathways Murrumbidgee will regularly recommend clients to engage with and seek support from the Murrumbidgee Men's Group (MMG), particularly when mental ill-health is identified a co-occurring need to their substance use. Pathways Murrumbidgee often note and praise the positive impact MMG has provided to our clients through community connection, peer collaboration, supportive holistic care and a focus on self-paced, self-determinant, purpose driven recovery. MMG's approach to wellbeing and connection has proven to be one that is well received, respected, trusted in community and heavily utilised.

In this profession, I see many men facing significant mental ill-health distress alongside their substance use. These dual challenges are often worsened by stigma, isolation and lack of accessible and appropriate services. It is my belief that a Men's Wellness Centre would build on the work already provided by MMG and continue to offer a dedicated, professional and trauma-informed space that enhances – not replaces – the invaluable support and safety that MMG provides to local and surrounding men in the community.

Evidence and frontline experience indicate that individuals are significantly less likely to re-engage with support services if their initial attempt to seek help is met with inadequate guidance or a sense that they have engaged with the "wrong" service, this is especially true for those, in this case, men, that may face internal and societal barriers to seeking help. A Men's Wellness Centre that implemented the 'No Wrong Door' approach would ensure that local men seeking help and advice receive appropriate support promptly, reducing the potential for fragmented care and disengagement from services. By supporting the Men's Wellness Centre and its capacity for integrated services, collaboration and relationship building in community, it has the potential to reduce the barriers faced by men that may be navigating these complex systems alone.

This approach would not only enhance engagement, but also improve overall outcomes. Having a dedicated Men's Wellness Centre would allow for warm handovers between services, ensuring men receive continuous, coordinated care without falling through the cracks. A centralised space would reduce the burden on men to repeatedly retell their stories, which can often lead to re-traumatising a person, instead of promoting trust through consistent relationships and integrated support. Wraparound care, where physical health, mental health, substance use, cultural connection, and social wellbeing are addressed together, is essential in regional areas like Wagga Wagga, where service fragmentation can be a significant barrier to meaningful recovery. This model would create a more dignified, person-centred, trauma-informed experience that meets men where they are, with the care they need, under the one roof.

I strongly support the establishment of a Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga Wagga and endorse MMG as a key partner in this initiative. I am committed to ongoing collaboration and service integration to ensure men in our community receive the wraparound care they need to move forward in their own personal recovery.



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This is a much-needed step towards sustainable, integrated wellbeing for men in our region and I look forward to being a part of its success.

If you require any further information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DPM", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Deanna Price-Maxwell  
**Team Leader**



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To Whom It May Concern,

Letter of Support – Men's Wellness Centre, Wagga Wagga

On behalf of Wellways, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposal to establish a Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga Wagga.

At Wellways, we are committed to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of individuals, families, and communities. We recognize that men in regional and rural areas, including Wagga Wagga and its surrounds, often face unique and complex health challenges, including mental health concerns, physical health issues, social isolation, family and relationship stress, and barriers in accessing timely and appropriate services.

A dedicated Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga would provide a safe, inclusive, and stigma-free space for men to access holistic support tailored to their needs. This centre would offer vital services, including mental health support, physical health programs, peer support, counselling, and connections to legal and family services. More importantly, it would serve as a central hub where men feel empowered to seek help, build connections, and engage in proactive wellbeing conversations.

Wellways supports this petition and any efforts to bring this project to life. The establishment of a Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga has the potential to make a significant positive impact on the lives of many men and, by extension, their families and communities.

Wellways stands ready to collaborate and contribute wherever possible to ensure the success of this initiative.

Yours sincerely,

**Kaylene Whitaker**  
(she/her)  
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4 April 2025

**RE: Support for Establishing a Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga Wagga**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Murrumbidgee Men's Group and the urgent need for a Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga Wagga. As the Team Leader of Mobile Youth Outreach at 54 Reasons, which holds the contract for the Short-Term Remand Pilot (STRP), I have witnessed firsthand the devastating impact of the lack of dedicated mental health services for men in our region.

Wagga Wagga and the broader Murrumbidgee region continue to experience alarmingly high rates of suicide, particularly among young men. According to HealthStats NSW, in 2022, the Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network (PHN) reported a suicide rate of 16.5 per 100,000 population, significantly higher than the state average of 11 per 100,000. Men accounted for approximately 77.5% of these deaths. Additionally, the region had an age-standardised rate of 75 hospital admissions per 100,000 population for intentional self-harm. While data for 2024-2025 is not yet available, these figures highlight the ongoing need for targeted mental health interventions in our community.

Many of the young people we work with through the STRP—especially those who have been involved with the justice system—struggle with significant mental health challenges, intergenerational trauma, and limited access to appropriate support services. Without a Men's Wellness Centre, too many men are left without the help they need, often until it is too late.

Currently, there are critical gaps in services tailored to men's mental health, particularly for those who may be reluctant to seek support through traditional clinical pathways. A dedicated Men's Wellness Centre would provide a safe, supportive, and culturally responsive space where men can access early intervention, peer support, and mental health services without stigma or barriers.

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This centre would not only support mental wellbeing but also serve as a hub for healing, connection, and community-driven support that encourages men to seek help before reaching a crisis.

The Murrumbidgee Men's Group has already demonstrated an unwavering commitment to supporting men's wellbeing, and formalising this work through a dedicated centre is not just necessary—it is urgent. This initiative would create lifesaving and life-changing opportunities for men and young people, breaking cycles of trauma and providing young men with the tools to build resilience and hope for the future.

I strongly urge stakeholders, funding bodies, and decision-makers to prioritise the establishment of a Men's Wellness Centre in Wagga Wagga. The need is critical, and the consequences of inaction are too great.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if further information is required.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Sagigi'.

**Patrick Sagigi** | Team Leader | Mobile Youth Outreach NSW

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Mental Health							
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Local							
1	MyStep to Mental Wellbeing - MPHNS - Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network	<a href="https://mphn.org.au/mhs/mystep-to-mental-wellbeing">https://mphn.org.au/mhs/mystep-to-mental-wellbeing</a>		Free	Referrals / self referral	Federal / State	MyStep to Mental Wellbeing (MyStep) offers a range of mental health supports for all ages from health information and early intervention to psychological treatment for mental health issue. Services are delivered face to face and using telehealth.
2	Murrumbidgee Local Health District	<a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/mlhd/our-services/mental-health-services">https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/mlhd/our-services/mental-health-services</a>		Free	Referrals / self referral	State	Mental health services offered both in hospital (acute inpatient services) and in the community (specialist community mental health services).
3	Pro Patria Centre Wagga - Defence Shed	<a href="https://www.propatria.com.au/">https://www.propatria.com.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral	Federal	Multidisciplinary facility focused on developing self-agency in veterans, first responders and their families to manage their own wellbeing. Purpose-built rooms for multi-disciplinary health and wellbeing services, including a fully equipped GP suite.
4	Wagga Wagga Medicare Mental Health Centre (MMHC)	<a href="https://mapmyrecovery.org.au/service/wagga-wagga-medicare-mental-health-centre-mmhc/">https://mapmyrecovery.org.au/service/wagga-wagga-medicare-mental-health-centre-mmhc/</a> <a href="https://www.gph.org.au/services/mental-health/medicarementalhealthcentres/">https://www.gph.org.au/services/mental-health/medicarementalhealthcentres/</a>	Age 16+	Free	Anyone can access support through the National Head to Health phone line (1800 595 212)  Anyone can walk into the Wagga centre and receive care navigation support.  A Medicare card, existing diagnosis, or GP Referral is not required to access the service	State	Free mental health services for adults. Services are delivered by multidisciplinary care teams and are accessible without the need for a prior appointment or GP referral. You do not need a Medicare card to access these services. From July 2025, a centralised tele-psychology and tele-psychiatry service will be available to support existing centres.  MMHC provides evidence-based assessment, care coordination, information, support and treatment to individuals experiencing psychological distress.  Adults aged 16 years and over with moderate to high levels of mental health needs or in distress can access short to medium-term support through the service.
5	One Door Mental Health - Wagga Wagga Carers Group	<a href="https://www.onedoor.org.au/support-groups/carer-support-groups/wagga-wagga-carers-group">https://www.onedoor.org.au/support-groups/carer-support-groups/wagga-wagga-carers-group</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/OneDoorSupportGroups">https://www.facebook.com/groups/OneDoorSupportGroups</a> <a href="https://onedoor.saneforums.org/t5/Friends-families-and-carers/bd-p/friends-families-carers-hubforum-board">https://onedoor.saneforums.org/t5/Friends-families-and-carers/bd-p/friends-families-carers-hubforum-board</a>	Age 16-65	Free	Self referral, Community Mental Health, GP, Hospital  In-person / Facebook Group / online forums		A mental health service provider, Family and Carer Mental Health Program works with families and carers that care for someone with a mental illness. It includes disorders such as Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder, Borderline Personality Disorder, Schizoaffective Disorder, Psychosis and Severe Anxiety Disorder.  Carer support groups are connected to the Family and Carer Mental Health Program. Many are peer-led and all are supported by a Carer Advocate.  When: 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month Time: 11 am - 1 pm, Lake Albert - Apex Park  Contact: David McLennan P: 0481 915 526 E: david.mclennan@onedoor.org.au
6	GambleAware Murrumbidgee	<a href="https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/locations/albury-593-olive-street/">https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/locations/albury-593-olive-street/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral		Therapeutic and financial counselling services to people who are affected by their own or someone else's gambling.
7	Tresillian in Murrumbidgee – Wagga Wagga	<a href="https://www.tresillian.org.au/services-locations/locations/wagga-wagga-day-services/">https://www.tresillian.org.au/services-locations/locations/wagga-wagga-day-services/</a>	New fathers	Covered under Medicare	Self referral		Providing specialist support to families with children from birth up to 3 years.

Mental Health							
No	Name of Service	Website	Age Range	Fee for Service	Access	Funding	Program details
8	Wellways - Murrumbidgee	<a href="https://www.wellways.org/">https://www.wellways.org/</a>	Age 16+	Free	Referrals / self referral		<p>Enhanced Adult Community Living Support Service (ECLSS): An outreach community mental health service that provides case management and psychosocial support to adults experiencing mental health issues.</p> <p>icare: In-home care and support for people who have icare packages relating to workplace injuries, dust related diseases and motor vehicle accidents in NSW and ACT.</p> <p>Way Back Support Service: Support for individuals and their families following a suicide attempt.</p> <p>StandBy Support After Suicide: Support to anyone who has been bereaved or impacted by suicide, at any stage in their life.</p> <p>Well Connected: Provides mental health recovery support to eligible people in the community, we focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people over the age of 65 years.</p> <p>Housing and Support Initiative (HASI): Provides housing and mental health recovery support to people with mental health issues, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.</p>
9	Amaranth Foundation	<a href="https://www.amaranth.org.au/">https://www.amaranth.org.au/</a>	Adults	Bulk Billing all Eligible Mental Health services	<p>Phone call to main office to assess availability. Referral form completed and emailed/faxed to: support@amaranth.org.au or : Fax: 0260333507</p> <p>Based in Corowa but towns serviced: Wagga Wagga, Tumbarumba, Tumut, Batlow, Khancoban, Holbrook, Tooma, Mulwala, Howlong, Corowa, Urana, Oaklands, Berrigan, Jerilderie, Finley</p>		<p>Amaranth Foundation provides support and care across the Riverina to rural and regional communities in the areas of the social, emotional, psychological and existential needs of the people, their families, and caregivers who live with an illness effecting their quality of life.</p> <p>NDIS Services: Support Coordination, Plan Management, Social Participation, Daily Activities, Health &amp; Wellbeing, Therapeutic Supports</p> <p>The Amaranth Foundation provides: Trauma, Grief and Loss Therapy Outreach programs in Bushfire region Bulk Billed MH Services NDIS, Health/Palliative care programs Social Work</p>
10	Rural Outreach Counselling	<a href="https://www.ruraloutreachcounselling.com.au/">https://www.ruraloutreachcounselling.com.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral form on website. GP referral or mental health care plan is not required.	Federal/State/Voluntary/Private	<p>Rural Outreach Counselling (ROC) is a community-minded mental health charity working out of the Riverina region with a Wagga based office.</p> <p>ROC aims to significantly reduce suicide, the impact of depression, and anxiety in rural families and communities throughout regional Australia with help and support to those who can't, or won't, present to a GP or existing mental health services.</p>
11	Centacare South West NSW	<a href="https://centacaresnsw.org.au/">https://centacaresnsw.org.au/</a>	Adult	Fee paying	Self referral		NDIS, psychology, counselling, school and legal services.
12	Sunflower House	<a href="https://sunflowerhouse.com.au/">https://sunflowerhouse.com.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral	Federal / State / Partners	Community mental health service provider for adults living with severe and persistent mental illness. Offering a psychosocial program designed to empower and support participants with their individual recovery. NDIS services, Volunteering Programs, Equine Wellness Program, Cycling Group, Work Readiness Skills, Cooking Masterclass and Monthly Day Trip.

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5	Mates in Construction	<a href="https://mates.org.au/">https://mates.org.au/</a>	Adult	Paid service for companies.	Training and support in the construction industry.	Private / Partners	MATES is an integrated industry intervention program. MATES field staff will train workers in the workplace to improve mental health and suicide prevention literacy, increase help seeking and help offering and engage the workforce in creating a mentally healthy workplace.
6	One Door Mental Health - Telephone Outreach Program (TRISS)	<a href="https://www.onedoor.org.au/our-services/mental-health-supports/information-support-line">https://www.onedoor.org.au/our-services/mental-health-supports/information-support-line</a>	Adult	Free	Referrals / self referral	State	Telephone Outreach Program (TRISS) for people living with mental health challenges. The TRISS outreach program aims to address social isolation and loneliness by providing weekly emotional and social support over the phone by volunteers.
7	Gidget Foundation	<a href="https://www.gidgetfoundation.org.au/support/support-for-dad">https://www.gidgetfoundation.org.au/support/support-for-dad</a>	New fathers	Free	Gidget Foundation Australia GP Referral and Mental Health Care Plan	Federal	Gidget Foundation Australia provides support dads who either: are trying to have a family, are expecting a baby, have a baby up to the age of one, have experienced a pregnancy or baby- related loss, or have experienced a traumatic birth.  1 in 10 new dads experience perinatal anxiety or depression (PNDA). Gidget Foundation provides support to those experiencing, or at risk of developing perinatal depression, anxiety, or perinatal related stress disorders.  Support is also provided to those people and their partners, who have experienced birth trauma or pregnancy related loss, e.g. stillbirth, miscarriage, or termination.  Free psychological counselling services are delivered either face-to-face or Telehealth. Online factsheets are also available.
8	Mate Helping Mate	<a href="https://www.matehelpingmate.com.au/">https://www.matehelpingmate.com.au/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/matehelpingmate/">https://www.facebook.com/matehelpingmate/</a>	Adult	Free	Online podcast	Federal/State/Voluntary/Private	Podcast guide to mental health and mateship to help people struggling in remote and rural communities.
9	Sane Australia	<a href="https://saneforums.org/">https://saneforums.org/</a>	Adult	Free	Online forums		The SANE Forums are a resource for people living in rural and remote communities where access to mental health services may not be as readily available as in other areas. The SANE Forums is a moderated, online discussion space for Australians 18 years and over who are living with mental illness, and families, friends and carers of people living with mental illness. The Forums are moderated 24/7 by health professionals employed by SANE Australia and partner organisations.
10	Flourish Australia	<a href="https://www.flourishaustralia.org.au/about/our-services">https://www.flourishaustralia.org.au/about/our-services</a>	Age 16+	Free	Self referral	Federal / State / Partners	Practical support for people recovering from mental health issues.
11	Brother to Brother crisis line	<a href="https://dardimunwurro.com.au/brother-to-brother-crisis-line/">https://dardimunwurro.com.au/brother-to-brother-crisis-line/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral	Victoria State Government / Partners	Provides phone support for Aboriginal men who need someone to talk to about relationship issues, family violence, parenting, drug and alcohol issues or who are struggling to cope for other reasons. The line is staffed by Aboriginal men, including Elders, who have a lived experience in the issues that the line offers support for.
12	Are You Boggled Mate?	<a href="https://areyouboggledmate.com.au/">https://areyouboggledmate.com.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral	Partners	Helping country blokes talk about mental health and suicide while spreading awareness about depression in the bush. In-person events and Facebook group.

Mental Health							
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13	BLU Health	<a href="https://bluhealth.com.au/">https://bluhealth.com.au/</a>	Adult	All services attract Medicare and Private Health Insurance rebates with referral from GP. Also accept DVA White and Gold cardholders, NDIS participants	Self referral / Telehealth	Private	Men's health specialist offering comprehensive male psychology services.
14	Dept of Veteran's Affairs: Men's Health Peer Education	<a href="https://www.dva.gov.au/get-support/health-support/work-and-social-life-programs/mens-health-peer-education/about-mens-health-peer-education">https://www.dva.gov.au/get-support/health-support/work-and-social-life-programs/mens-health-peer-education/about-mens-health-peer-education</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral	Federal	A national volunteer health literacy program aimed at raising the veteran community's awareness of men's health issues, the specific health and wellbeing impacts of military service and the benefits of early intervention. The program encourages veterans to adopt healthy behaviours, seek support early and share responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.
15	Mantle Health	<a href="https://mantlehealth.com.au/">https://mantlehealth.com.au/</a>	Adult	Paid service	Self referral / Telehealth	Private	A Men's Mental Health Service and experts in male psychology.
16	Movember - Men's Health	<a href="https://au.movember.com/mens-health/general">https://au.movember.com/mens-health/general</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral / Online	Partners	Support and information on all aspects of men's physical and mental health, including mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer.
17	TIACS	<a href="https://www.tiacs.org/">https://www.tiacs.org/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral / Online / Phone	Partners	TIACS is a free phone and text counselling service offering mental health support to Australia's blue collar community: tradies - truckies - farmers - blue collar.
18	The Man Cave	<a href="https://themancafe.life/">https://themancafe.life/</a>	Teenage boys		Online	Federal / State / Partners	Australia's leading preventative mental health charity for teenage boys and their communities, delivering in-school programs as well as programs for educators and communities.
19	Top Blokes Foundation	<a href="https://www.topblokes.org.au/">https://www.topblokes.org.au/</a>	Boys / Teens			Partners	Mentoring programs for 10-24 year olds
20	Mission Australia - Adolescent and Family Connection (AFC)	<a href="https://www.missionaustralia.com.au/services?view=service&amp;id=1215">https://www.missionaustralia.com.au/services?view=service&amp;id=1215</a>	Ages 12-18	Free	Referral / Self referral	Federal / State / Partners	The Adolescent and Family Connection (AFC) service provides individual and family counselling, and family mediation and restoration services for young people aged 12-18 and their families with low to medium risk where presenting problems, if left unattended, would likely to escalate to risk of harm to the young person, child protection, out of home care, or homelessness.
21	Mission Australia - Family Preservation Service	<a href="https://www.missionaustralia.com.au/services?view=service&amp;id=1438">https://www.missionaustralia.com.au/services?view=service&amp;id=1438</a>	Families with young children	Free	Referral / Self referral	Federal / State / Partners	Supports families with children and young people to identify their strengths and needs, collaboratively working towards creating and maintaining a safe, nurturing home. Families are supported to develop their skills and resilience, allowing their children and young people to thrive.
22	Relationships Australia - Gambling Support	<a href="https://racr.org.au/services/gambling-support/">https://racr.org.au/services/gambling-support/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral / Phone	Federal / State / Partners	Free and confidential support for people experiencing harm as a result of gambling or are concerned for someone who may be experiencing gambling harm. National helpline: 1800 858 858
23	Relationships Australia - Relationship/Separation Counselling	<a href="https://racr.org.au/services/separation-counselling/">https://racr.org.au/services/separation-counselling/</a>	Adult	Fees for counselling services are charged based on	Self referral	Federal / State / Partners	A safe and supportive environment to talk about challenges experienced navigating separation. Counselling can be attended individually, as a couple or co-parenting team, or as a family.
24	Relationships Australia - Men and Separation	<a href="https://racr.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/menseparation.pdf">https://racr.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/menseparation.pdf</a>	Adult	Free	Tool		Booklet for men going through separation or divorce.

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Local							
1	MLHD - Murrumbidgee Local Health District	<a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/mlhd/our-services/mens-health-services">https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/mlhd/our-services/mens-health-services</a>	Boys and Men	Free			Mental health and wellbeing, heart and lung services, chronic disease management, cancer services, sexual health.
2	Directions Health Services: Pathways to Recovery Murrumbidgee	<a href="https://directionshealth.com.au/pathways-nsw/">https://directionshealth.com.au/pathways-nsw/</a>	Adult	Free	Online / Telehealth /	Private/Partners	<p>Treatment and support services to individuals, families and friends impacted by alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues.</p> <p>Specialist counselling and case management is available for people seeking to make changes to their substance use, explore their treatment options or make other changes in their lives.</p> <p>Also provide advocacy and support to address housing, relationship, education, employment, child protection, legal and financial issues as well as other health concerns.</p>
3	St Vincent de Paul Society - Edel Quinn	<a href="https://www.vinnies.org.au/nsw/find-help/homelessness-and-housing-services">https://www.vinnies.org.au/nsw/find-help/homelessness-and-housing-services</a>	Adult	Free	Referral / Self referral	State	Provides treatment coordination and alcohol and other drug intervention support/access to clients with problematic substance use. Support is tailored to individual needs in strength-based style approach. The program is suitable for individuals who are waiting to enter community treatment, currently participating in treatment, have exited community treatment in helping sustain gains, or individuals with history of substance lived experience and would further benefit with support to increase resilience and confidence towards a meaningful life.
4	Calvary Riverina Drug and Alcohol Centre	<a href="https://www.calvarycare.org.au/hospitals/calvary-riverina-hospital/calvary-riverina-drug-and-alcohol-centre">https://www.calvarycare.org.au/hospitals/calvary-riverina-hospital/calvary-riverina-drug-and-alcohol-centre</a>	Adult	<p>Residential treatments \$41.00 per day</p> <p>Outpatient group programs \$16.00 per day</p> <p>Outpatient counselling no cost</p>	Referral / Self referral		Calvary Drug and Alcohol services provides a range of services for people experiencing problems with drug and or alcohol use.
5	Pro Patria Centre Wagga - Defence Shed	<a href="https://www.propatria.com.au/">https://www.propatria.com.au/</a>	Adult	Free			Multidisciplinary facility focused on developing self-agency in veterans, first responders and their families to manage their own wellbeing. Purpose-built rooms for multi-disciplinary health and wellbeing services, including a fully equipped GP suite.
6	RivMed: Riverina Medical & Dental Aboriginal Corporation	<a href="https://rivmed.org.au/">https://rivmed.org.au/</a>	All ages	Medicare bulk billing	Self referral		Provides culturally appropriate accessible health care and services to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families.
7	RAAF Wagga Health Centre	<a href="https://raafbasewagga.com.au/raaf-wagga-health-centre-waghc/">https://raafbasewagga.com.au/raaf-wagga-health-centre-waghc/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral	Federal	Provides health services to ADF Personnel. WAGHC provides direct health support and training to the four major training units on the base comprising No 1 Recruit Training Unit (1RTU), RAAF School of Technical Training (RAAFSTT), RAAF School of Administration and Logistics Training (RAAFSALT) and the RAAF School of Postgraduate Studies (SPS). Additional support is provided to No 31 (City of Wagga Wagga) Squadron and the Ground Training Academy.

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8	Garrison Health Centre - Kapooka Clinic	<a href="https://www.defence.gov.au/adf-members-families/local-services-events/garrison-health-centres">https://www.defence.gov.au/adf-members-families/local-services-events/garrison-health-centres</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral	Federal	Garrison health is responsible for the delivery and management of quality, safe, efficient and effective health care to ADF personnel within Australia and on non-operational postings overseas.
9	Wagga Sexual Health and Hepatitis C Service - Brookong Centre	<a href="https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services/healthcare-service/wagga-wagga-2650-nsw/the-brookong-centre-sexual-health-hepatitis-c-service/sexual-health-clinic/56bcc759-99c0-87ac-f7da-b7be086f31ae">https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services/healthcare-service/wagga-wagga-2650-nsw/the-brookong-centre-sexual-health-hepatitis-c-service/sexual-health-clinic/56bcc759-99c0-87ac-f7da-b7be086f31ae</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral	Federal	Sexual health clinic.
10	Refugee Health Assessment Centre (RHAC) - Wagga Wagga	<a href="https://www.mcww.org.au/refugee-health">https://www.mcww.org.au/refugee-health</a> <a href="https://aci.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/refugee/case-studies/wagga-wagga">https://aci.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/refugee/case-studies/wagga-wagga</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral	State	Quality, coordinated, primary healthcare to meet the needs of people from a refugee background before they transition to local general practitioners. This includes: -holistic health assessments by the dedicated refugee health nurse -immunisation catch ups -referrals to specialists such as optometry, allied health services, counselling and other supports.
11	Intereach	<a href="https://www.intereach.com.au/">https://www.intereach.com.au/</a>	All ages	Free	Self referral	Federal / State / Partners	Intereach provides NDIS Local Area Coordination Services (LAC) across the Murrumbidgee NDIS region of NSW.
12	Rotary Clubs of NSW: Men's Health Education Rural Van (mherv)	<a href="https://mherv.com.au/">https://mherv.com.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral	Partners / Volunteers	The Men's Health Education Rural Van is a custom built caravan with a dedicated Registered Nurse that travels the state of New South Wales offering free health screenings to regional and rural men.
13	Mission Australia - Eastern Murrumbidge Youth Service	<a href="https://www.missionaustralia.com.au/servicedirectory/211-homelessness/eastern-murrumbidgee-youth-service">https://www.missionaustralia.com.au/servicedirectory/211-homelessness/eastern-murrumbidgee-youth-service</a>	Ages 16-25	Free	Referral / Self referral		Supports young people aged 16-25 who are experiencing, or are at risk of, homelessness. Accommodation services provided for 16 and 17 year olds, and outreach support for young people aged 16 years up to 25 years of age. Interventions and supports include case management, education and employment guidance, supported crisis and transitional accommodation, housing assistance, information and advice, skills development, supported referral, and access to counselling.
14	Nourish and Flourish Yoga - Men's Wellbeing Yin Yoga	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/nourishandflourishyogabeing/">https://www.facebook.com/nourishandflourishyogabeing/</a>	Adult	Single class \$25, classes passes available	Self referral	Private	Wagga based yoga studio men's yoga class.
Wagga Medical Centres that specifically state they offer Men's Health services:							
	Centre	Website	Services				
1	Morgan St Healthcare Clinic	<a href="https://morgansthealth.com.au/">https://morgansthealth.com.au/</a>	Men's Health				
2	Hammond Health	<a href="https://www.hammondhealth.com.au/mens-health">https://www.hammondhealth.com.au/mens-health</a>	Physical, emotional and mental health, focusing on preventative health where possible.				
3	St George Family Medical Centre	<a href="https://www.stgeorgemedical.com.au/our-services/">https://www.stgeorgemedical.com.au/our-services/</a>	Impotence, Prostate cancer, Fertility				
4	Blamey St Surgery	<a href="https://blameyst.com.au/mens-health">https://blameyst.com.au/mens-health</a>	Men's sexual health, reproductive health, cancer, lifestyle factors, check-ups, male pattern baldness, mental health.				

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5	Peter St Medical Centre	<a href="https://familydoctor.com.au/peterstswagga/">https://familydoctor.com.au/peterstswagga/</a>	Men's Health				
6	Kincaid Medical & Dental Centre	<a href="https://kincaidmedicalanddentalcentre.com/mens-health/">https://kincaidmedicalanddentalcentre.com/mens-health/</a>	Prostate, heart disease, erectile dysfunction, low testosterone, yearly physical.				
7	Active Health Riverina	<a href="https://activehealthriverina.com.au/physiotherapy">https://activehealthriverina.com.au/physiotherapy</a>	Men's Health				
8	Cortex Telehealth	<a href="https://www.halaxy.com/profile/cortex-telehealth/location/1253011">https://www.halaxy.com/profile/cortex-telehealth/location/1253011</a>	Men's Health: Sexual health, mental health, sleep.				
National							
1	Inside Out - Boys and Men	<a href="https://insideoutinstitute.org.au/resource-library/boys-and-men">https://insideoutinstitute.org.au/resource-library/boys-and-men</a>	Boys and Men	Free	Online		Introductory information for boys and men living with an eating disorder.
2	ACON: Here for Health - Gay & Bisexual Men	<a href="https://www.acon.org.au/who-we-are-here-for/gay-and-bisexual-men/">https://www.acon.org.au/who-we-are-here-for/gay-and-bisexual-men/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ACONSouthernNSW">https://www.facebook.com/ACONSouthernNSW</a>	Adult	Free	Online		Provides information on relevant health issues, and offer a range of specific and general services for the health issues affecting gay, bi and same sex attracted men.
3	Turning Point: Alcohol & Drug Counselling Online	<a href="https://www.counsellingonline.org.au/">https://www.counsellingonline.org.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Online	Federal	Counselling Online is a free, confidential service that provides 24/7 support to people affected by alcohol or drug use across Australia.
4	Australian Men's Health Forum	<a href="https://www.amhf.org.au/">https://www.amhf.org.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Online	Federal	Works with individuals and organisations to improve the health outcomes of men and boys in Australia. Promotes events such as the Australian Fatherhood Symposium, the National Suicide Prevention Conference, Men's Health Week, the National Men's Health Gathering, International Men's Day.
5	Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia	<a href="https://www.pcfa.org.au/">https://www.pcfa.org.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral	Federal	Australia's leading community-based organisation for prostate cancer research, awareness, and support.
6	Dept of Veteran's Affairs: Men's Health Peer Education	<a href="https://www.dva.gov.au/get-support/health-support/work-and-social-life-programs/mens-health-peer-education/about-mens-health-peer-education">https://www.dva.gov.au/get-support/health-support/work-and-social-life-programs/mens-health-peer-education/about-mens-health-peer-education</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral	Federal	A national volunteer health literacy program aimed at raising the veteran community's awareness of men's health issues, the specific health and wellbeing impacts of military service and the benefits of early intervention. The program encourages veterans to adopt healthy behaviours, seek support early and share responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.
7	SISU Health - Free Health Checks	<a href="https://www.sisuhealthgroup.com/">https://www.sisuhealthgroup.com/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral		SISU Health provides highly accessible, self-service health checks, utilising a medical device health check machine, the SISU Health Station. Measurements include blood pressure, heart rate, and body fat percentage. Available at Priceline Wagga Marketplace and Bunnings Wagga.
8	Foundation House: The Construction Industry Drug & Alcohol Foundation	<a href="https://www.foundationhouse.net.au/">https://www.foundationhouse.net.au/</a>	Adult	Fee paying	Self referral / referral	Private	Alcohol, drug, and gambling addiction treatment centre run by the Construction Industry Drug & Alcohol Foundation

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9	Future Fertility - Resources for Adult Patients	<a href="https://www.futurefertility.com.au/resources-tab/resources-for-adult-patients/">https://www.futurefertility.com.au/resources-tab/resources-for-adult-patients/</a>	Adult	Free	Online		Fertility information for male cancer patients.
10	Healthy Male	<a href="https://healthymale.org.au/">https://healthymale.org.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Online	Federal	Comprehensive website providing information, support, and articles on men's health topics.
11	Good Health Heroes	<a href="https://goodhealthheroes.org.au/">https://goodhealthheroes.org.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Online	Federal	Website providing small steps men can take to build up better health.
12	Healthy Male - Plus Paternal	<a href="https://healthymale.org.au/plus-paternal">https://healthymale.org.au/plus-paternal</a>	Adult	Free	Online	Federal	Website providing information and support to improve the health of men and their families by increasing and improving the engagement and support of men from preconception to early parenthood.
13	Spanner in the Works?	<a href="https://malehealth.org.au/">https://malehealth.org.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Online	Federal	A men's health promotion program by the Australian Men's Shed Association. Includes a booklet designed to provide Australian men with a 'service and maintenance' schedule to promote optimal health and wellbeing through the different ages and stages in life.
14	National Bowel Cancer Screening Program	<a href="https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/national-bowel-cancer-screening-program">https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/national-bowel-cancer-screening-program</a>	Adult 45+	Free	Online	Federal	Program aims to reduce deaths from bowel cancer by detecting early signs of the disease. Ages 45+ can join the program and screen for free
15	iCanQuit	<a href="https://www.icanquit.com.au/">https://www.icanquit.com.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Online / Phone	State	Online and free, confidential phone service providing information and support to stop smoking. Quitline counsellor available 8am-8pm Mon-Fri and 9am-5pm Sat: phone 137848.
16	Diabetes Australia in NSW & ACT	<a href="https://www.diabetesaustralia.com.au/nsw-act/">https://www.diabetesaustralia.com.au/nsw-act/</a>	Adult	Free	Online	Federal	Online and free contact centre (1800 177 055) providing access to education, information, programs and services designed to help people better manage their diabetes.
17	Sexual Health infolink	<a href="https://www.shil.nsw.gov.au/">https://www.shil.nsw.gov.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Online	State	A free, confidential and non-judgemental telephone service for information on HIV, Hepatitis and Sexually Transmitted Infections. You can call and ask about testing options: 1800 451 624.
18	Ending HIV	<a href="https://endinghiv.org.au/too-lkiv/">https://endinghiv.org.au/too-lkiv/</a>	Adult	Free	Online	Federal	Online information providing information and support about HIV.

Anger Management and Domestic Violence Prevention							
No	Name of Service	Website	Age Range	Fee for Service	Access	Funding	Program details
<b>Local</b>							
1	Hope and Resilience Counselling	<a href="https://hopeandresilience.org.au/">https://hopeandresilience.org.au/</a>	Adult	Payment	Self referral	Private	Counselling service. Wagga office
2	Relationships Australia - Men's Behaviour Change Program	<a href="https://racr.org.au/services/">https://racr.org.au/services/</a>	Adult	Group support: \$20 per week/16 weeks Individual Support: \$33 per session	Self referral	Federal / State / Partners	Supports users of violence to recognise and cease their behaviour. 16 week program, group participants will develop the skills and understanding to change their behaviour and develop respectful, non-coercive and non-abusive relationships with their partners, children and family members. Participants can also access individual support to further develop relationship skills.
3	Centrecare Southwest - Anger Management Coaching	<a href="https://centacareswsw.org.au/">https://centacareswsw.org.au/</a>	Adult	Fee paying - \$120 (standard) or \$70 (concession)	Self referral	Catholic Social Service agency of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga	A five-week online program designed for people who have difficulty controlling their anger which may be impacting on their family relationships. This course is especially suitable for separated parents who have been court-ordered or legally-recommended to attend an Anger Management program.
4	Centrecare Southwest - Parenting Through Separation	<a href="https://centacareswsw.org.au/">https://centacareswsw.org.au/</a>	Adult	\$30 (standard) or \$15 (concession)	Self referral, online	Catholic Social Service agency of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga	A two hour online seminar designed to help parents understand and manage changes and challenges in family circumstances when faced with separation. Next date June 2025
5	Centrecare Southwest - Black Box Parenting Program	<a href="https://centacareswsw.org.au/">https://centacareswsw.org.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral, online	Catholic Social Service agency of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga	The Black Box Parenting Program is designed to support parents and carers who have experienced domestic or family violence. This program equips you with tools to help your child heal while navigating your own recovery.
6	Centrecare Southwest - Keeping Kids In Mind Post-Separation Parenting Program	<a href="https://centacareswsw.org.au/">https://centacareswsw.org.au/</a>	Adult	\$120 (standard) or \$70 (concession)	Self referral, online	Catholic Social Service agency of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga	A five-week online program designed for parents who have recently gone through a separation or divorce and are seeking guidance and support in navigating the challenges of co-parenting. It is specifically tailored to address the needs of parents who want to establish a successful co-parenting relationship and create a positive environment for their children post-separation.
7	Centrecare Southwest - Caring Dads Course	<a href="https://centacareswsw.org.au/">https://centacareswsw.org.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral	Catholic Social Service agency of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga	Face-to-face program designed to support men to develop child-centred fathering skills and stop controlling, unhealthy behaviours through a combination of active group discussions & practice exercises. Location Wagga, 2025 dates TBC
8	Relationships Australia - Safer Pathways for Men	<a href="https://racr.org.au/services/">https://racr.org.au/services/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral / Phone	Federal / State / Partners	Provides localised support and case coordination for men who have experienced recent domestic and family violence whether physical, power, and control behaviours. Telephone support services to men across Wagga, Giffith, Albury and the South Coast.
9	Relationships Australia - Domestic & Family Violence Support	<a href="https://racr.org.au/services/">https://racr.org.au/services/</a>	Adult	Fees for domestic and family violence support services are charged based on a sliding scale according to income.	Self referral	Federal / State / Partners	Family violence counselling service for those who have experienced, witnessed or perpetrated violence or abuse. Wagga office.
<b>National</b>							
1	Mensline - Anger Management Toolkit	<a href="https://mensline.org.au/how-to-deal-with-anger/anger-management-toolkit/">https://mensline.org.au/how-to-deal-with-anger/anger-management-toolkit/</a>			Tool		Worksheets designed to assist men in developing their personal skills to better manage their anger.
2	No to Violence	<a href="https://www.ntv.org.au/">https://www.ntv.org.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral	Federal / State / Partners	Operates the Men's Referral Service, a men's family violence telephone counselling, information and referral service.



Legal Services							
No	Name of Service	Website	Age Range	Fee for Service	Access	Funding	Program details
1	Local Centrecare Southwest - Free Pro-bono Legal Support	<a href="https://centacaresnsw.org.au/services/free-legal-support-probono/">https://centacaresnsw.org.au/services/free-legal-support-probono/</a>	Adult	Free	Available at the Griffith office, fortnightly on Tuesdays		General advice and assistance in a broad range of areas such as family law, employment, tenancy disputes, general litigation, crime and other matters involving domestic violence and AVOs.
2	Hume Riverina Community Legal Service	<a href="https://hrcls.org.au/">https://hrcls.org.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral	Federal / State	Provides free legal advice to people living in North East Victoria and the Southern Riverina of NSW over the phone or in person at various locations.
3	Relationships Australia - Senior Relationship Services	<a href="https://racr.org.au/services/senior-relationship-services/">https://racr.org.au/services/senior-relationship-services/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral	Federal	Support for ageing Australians including counselling, mediation, case management, and education services to: - Prevent or resolve family conflict - Provide a safe space for difficult conversations - Plan for the future (including medical, health, financial or living arrangements) - Improve relationships - Make decisions to protect the interests, rights and safety of family - Reduce the risk of elder abuse including financial and emotional abuse. The decisions made are not legally binding, however practitioners can assist to put agreements in writing if requested.
4	Relationships Australia - Family Mediation	<a href="https://racr.org.au/services/family-mediation/">https://racr.org.au/services/family-mediation/</a>	Adult	Fees for family mediation services are charged based on a sliding scale according to income.	Self referral	Federal	Family Mediation services help separated couples reach agreements regarding their children. An independent, impartial mediator will assist parties to reduce conflict, negotiate outcomes, and develop techniques to deal with future disputes.
5	Relationships Australia - Property & Financial Mediation	<a href="https://racr.org.au/services/property-and-financial-mediation/">https://racr.org.au/services/property-and-financial-mediation/</a>	Adult	Fees for property and financial mediation services are charged based on a sliding scale according to income.	Self referral	Federal	Property and Financial Mediation services help parties to negotiate a mutually agreed outcome regarding the division of their property or finalisation of financial affairs.
6	Relationships Australia - Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Support	<a href="https://racr.org.au/services/institutional-child-sexual-abuse-support/">https://racr.org.au/services/institutional-child-sexual-abuse-support/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral	State	Trauma-informed support for individuals who experienced sexual abuse in an institutional setting as a child and help to consider and make an application to the National Redress Scheme: - information on the National Redress Scheme - guidance and support - referrals to additional services including legal and financial advice assistance through the application process - help to understand the outcome of applications
7	Relationships Australia - Children's Contact Service	<a href="https://racr.org.au/services/childrens-contact-service/">https://racr.org.au/services/childrens-contact-service/</a>	Adult	There are set fees, payable upfront for the initial three-month period, per party. A following three-month period of services will be payable following a review appointment.  Fortnightly Supervised Visits \$275 (3-month period)  Monthly Supervised Visits \$138 (3-month period)  Fortnightly Changeover \$128 (3-month period)	Families can self-refer to this service or can be referred by their Solicitor, Family Court or another Community Organisation with the family's consent.	Federal / State	The Children's Contact Service in Wagga facilitates contact between young people and their families following a separation or relationship breakdown. A safe and supported environment is provided for supervised visits and changeovers. Supervised visits: There are many reasons families may require supported contact with their children. The Children's Contact Service allows children to have meaningful interactions with their visiting family member, supervised by experienced staff. Changeovers: A neutral venue for children to transfer safely from one parent or family member to another. Changeovers are pre-arranged with drop off and pick up times coordinated to allow children to engage with our staff and decompress before collection.

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No	Name of Service	Website	Age Range	Fee for Service	Access	Funding	Program details
	National						
1	Legal Aid NSW - Family Advocacy and Support Services Support Worker for men	<a href="https://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/ways-to-get-help/publications-and-resources/do-you-need-support-for-your-family-law-problem-men">https://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/ways-to-get-help/publications-and-resources/do-you-need-support-for-your-family-law-problem-men</a>	Adult	Free	You can contact a support worker for men by calling 1300 00 FASS (1300 00 3277)	State	Family Advocacy and Support Services Support Worker for men can help if you are affected by family violence and have a family law issue, whether having experienced family violence or used/accused of using violence.
2	Family Relationship Advice Line	<a href="https://www.familyrelationships.gov.au/talk-someone/advice-line">https://www.familyrelationships.gov.au/talk-someone/advice-line</a>	Adult	Free	Phone 1800 050 321	Federal	A national telephone service that helps families affected by relationship or separation issues, including information on parenting arrangements after separation. It can also refer callers to local services that provide assistance.
3	Men's Legal Service	<a href="https://menslegalservice.org.au/">https://menslegalservice.org.au/</a>	Adult	Paid. Not-for-profit law firm, low-cost and means-tested no-cost.	NSW office is in Sydney. Free Men's Guide to Family Law available to download. Fathers Care Plan Record app available for download.	Private	Helping men with family law issues such as parenting, property settlements and divorce. Also dealing with issues arising from domestic violence, for victims and accused.
4	NSW Govt Farm Business Resilience Program	<a href="https://www.droughthub.nsw.gov.au/programs/fbrp">https://www.droughthub.nsw.gov.au/programs/fbrp</a>	Adult	Subsidised co-contribution is \$1,400 per eligible farm business. Every business to have at least 2 participants join the coaching program.	Online	State	The Farm Business Resilience Program invites farmers in NSW to positively change the way they run their farming enterprise. It's designed to empower farmers with the skills to navigate risks, adapt to climatic shifts, and enhance the overall resilience of their operations, economically, environmentally, and socially. Through personalised coaching, workshops, and digital learning, plus invaluable peer insights from case studies, NSW farmers are transforming their businesses into models of resilience and forward-thinking success.

Social Support		Note: Does not include sporting clubs					
No	Name of Service	Website	Age Range	Fee for Service	Access	Funding	Program details
<b>Local</b>							
1	The Man Walk	<a href="https://themanwalk.com.au/wagga-wagga/">https://themanwalk.com.au/wagga-wagga/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/tmwagga">https://www.facebook.com/groups/tmwagga</a>	Adult	Free	Facebook Group / in person	Private	Wagga-based group doing a one hour walk every Monday morning at 6:30am from Mr Lawrence.
2	The Men's Table	<a href="https://themenstable.org/">https://themenstable.org/</a>	Adult	Free membership	In person/online	Federal / State / Partners	Monthly meet-up dinners for men of all ages, contributing to the mental, emotional, and social wellbeing. National service with a Wagga Men's Table group.
3	Australian Men's Shed Association	<a href="https://mensshed.org/">https://mensshed.org/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral		Wagga Wagga Men's Shed
4	Murrumbidgee Men's Group	<a href="https://www.murrumbidgeemg.com.au/">https://www.murrumbidgeemg.com.au/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/people/Murrumbidgee-Mens-Group/100068549022579/">https://www.facebook.com/people/Murrumbidgee-Mens-Group/100068549022579/</a> Fortnightly meet-ups	Adult	Free	Self referral	Federal / Partners	Men's mental health and wellness group based in Wagga Wagga. Supporting men mental health challenges including depression, anxiety, suicide, PTSD, etc.
5	OM:NI - Older Men: New Ideas - Wagga Wagga	<a href="https://www.cotansw.com.au/omni/">https://www.cotansw.com.au/omni/</a>	Adult	First meeting free, registration / small affiliation fee for later meetings	Self referral		A fortnightly meeting of men over 50 to provide fellowship, support, and the exchange of thoughts and ideas to improve health, drawing on the experience, knowledge and wisdom of older men. A safe male-only sharing experience. Three active groups in Wagga.
6	U3A Wagga Wagga	<a href="https://waggawagga.u3anet.org.au/">https://waggawagga.u3anet.org.au/</a>	Adult	\$45 annual membership fee	Self referral		Life-long learning and social opportunities for their members in their 'third age'.
7	Wagga Wagga Evangelical Church	<a href="https://wec.church/">https://wec.church/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral		Weekly Men's Bible Study group in Wagga.
8	Wagga Wagga Baptist Church	<a href="https://www.wvbc.org.au/events/mens-bible-study-ashmont/2025-01-22">https://www.wvbc.org.au/events/mens-bible-study-ashmont/2025-01-22</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral		Weekly opportunity to gather with other men from the community to study the Bible in Ashmont.
9	South Wagga Anglican Church - Men's Ministry	<a href="https://www.swac.church/weekly-programs">https://www.swac.church/weekly-programs</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral		South Wagga Anglican Church (SWAC) Men is an inclusive ministry for men of all age groups and life stages. Regular ministries include: The Chain Gang: a men's shed that meet together on each Wednesday morning at St. Paul's. Bible study and prayer groups where men are able to grow and encourage one another. The Inter-Church Men's Breakfast runs monthly (second Saturday of the month from 7:30am-9:00am) and is held at various churches around Wagga.
10	Rainbow Riverina	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/RainbowRiverina">https://www.facebook.com/RainbowRiverina</a>	Adult	Free	Facebook Group / in person		A not-for-profit community organisation formed to provide support and a social outlet for LGBTQIA+ identifying people, their families and friends.
11	Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme (ACVVS)	<a href="https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/aged-care-volunteer-visitors-scheme-acvvs/about">https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/aged-care-volunteer-visitors-scheme-acvvs/about</a> <a href="https://www.riverinacc.edu.au/acvvs?highlight=WvJhY3Z2cyJl">https://www.riverinacc.edu.au/acvvs?highlight=WvJhY3Z2cyJl</a>	Adult	Free	Eligible recipients must reside in an Australian Government aged care home, be receiving (or waitlisted) for a home care package	Federal	Provides companionship for older people who are isolated in their own homes or in aged care homes. Riverina Community College operates the ACVVS program with volunteers visiting elderly recipients living in Wagga Wagga and surrounding areas.

Social Support		Note: Does not include sporting clubs					
No	Name of Service	Website	Age Range	Fee for Service	Access	Funding	Program details
12	Tough Guy Book Club	<a href="https://www.toughguybookclub.com/">https://www.toughguybookclub.com/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ToughGuyBookClub/events">https://www.facebook.com/ToughGuyBookClub/events</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/626020654125180">https://www.facebook.com/groups/626020654125180</a>	Adult	Free	Facebook Group / in person		A network of men's book clubs in local pubs. Closest chapter is in Albury, however support is available to set up a local chapter.
13	Wagga Wagga RSL	<a href="https://www.waggarslsubbranch.com.au/">https://www.waggarslsubbranch.com.au/</a>	Adult	Membership fee	Self referral		Wagga Wagga RSL sub-Branch Welfare Team aims to support Veterans and their families by providing assistance to current and former members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) in the areas of compensation and wellbeing support.
14	Wagga African Association (WAFRICA)	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069489962501">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069489962501</a>	All ages	Free	Facebook Group / in person		Wafrica Inc is non-profit and apolitical aimed at promoting unity, solidarity; friendship, mutual understanding and co-operation amongst Africans and Australians, particularly so that the Africans can integrate into the Australian society as productive residents.
15	DadLAN	<a href="https://dadlan.au/">https://dadlan.au/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/dadlanau/?ref=embed_page">https://www.facebook.com/dadlanau/?ref=embed_page</a>	Adult	Free	Online / Facebook group	Charity	Bringing together Dads with a common interest in technology, computing, games, and family. The DadLAN Events initiative operates via regional chapters but also has an online Facebook presence. Currently closest chapter is Albury, but support is provided to set up a local chapter.
16	The Fathering Project	<a href="https://thefatheringproject.org/">https://thefatheringproject.org/</a>	Adult	Free	Online / Facebook group		Provides online support and advice to support fathers. Also facilitates local groups in Wagga: St Luke's Preschool Portal and Dad's Group and Wagga Wagga Public School Portal and Dad's Group.
17	Rotary Clubs		Adult	Free	Community Groups		Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga: <a href="https://waggarotary.org/">https://waggarotary.org/</a> South Wagga Rotary Club: <a href="https://www.southwaggarotary.com.au/">https://www.southwaggarotary.com.au/</a> Rotary Club of Wagga Sunrise: <a href="https://www.rotarywaggasunrise.com/new-page">https://www.rotarywaggasunrise.com/new-page</a> Wollundry Rotary: <a href="https://www.wollundryrotary.org.au/">https://www.wollundryrotary.org.au/</a> Koorringal Rotary Club: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/kooringalrotary/">https://www.facebook.com/kooringalrotary/</a>
18	Probus Clubs		Adult	Free	Community Groups		Wagga Wagga Sunset Probus: <a href="https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/waggawaggasunset">https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/waggawaggasunset</a> Wagga Wagga Murrumbidgee Probus: (02) 6933 1350 Wagga Wagga Garden City Probus: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/730962740400520/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/730962740400520/</a>
19	Freemasons NSW & ACT: Wagga Wagga Lodge No 22	<a href="https://masons.au/">https://masons.au/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/wagga.freemasons">https://www.facebook.com/wagga.freemasons</a>	Adult		Community Groups		A fraternal organisation working within the community to support charity.
20	Wagga City Male Rugby Choir	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/waggarcmc.com.au/">https://www.facebook.com/waggarcmc.com.au/</a>	Adult		Community Groups		75 strong choir welcomes men aged 16 upwards to sing a wide range of music. Rehearsal Tuesdays at South Wagga Public School Hall 5.30pm.
21	Riverina Woodworkers	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/riverinawoodworkers/">https://www.facebook.com/riverinawoodworkers/</a>	Adult		Community Groups		Riverina Woodworkers are a group of like minded men, women and youth members who share their interest in all things wood.
22	Relationships Australia - Rural Support	<a href="https://racr.org.au/services/rural-support/">https://racr.org.au/services/rural-support/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral	Federal / State / Partners	Outreach support services are provided across the Riverina to support rural families and communities to strengthen, connect, and resource rural families to build and maintain respectful relationships. Help to create a safety network by connecting people with a range of community services including social, education, health, and welfare services.
23	Wagga Wagga Prostate Cancer Social Support Group - PCSSG	<a href="https://www.pcfa.org.au/support/find-a-support-group/wagga-wagga-pcssg/">https://www.pcfa.org.au/support/find-a-support-group/wagga-wagga-pcssg/</a>	Adult	Free	Self referral		The PCSSG Meet for dinner on the second Thursday of each month at 6.00pm and a chat afterwards at the Rules Club, Fernleigh Road Wagga. Partners or friends welcome. Mike Murray on 0466 043 781.

Social Support		Note: Does not include sporting clubs					
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	National						
1	SMS4dads	<a href="https://www.sms4dads.com.au/">https://www.sms4dads.com.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Online	Federal / Partners	Free text messages, support, info and tips for fathers and dads-to-be.
2	SMS4DeadlyDads	<a href="https://www.sms4dads.com.au/deadly-dads/">https://www.sms4dads.com.au/deadly-dads/</a>	Adult	Free	Online	Federal / Partners	Free text messages, support, info and tips for First Nations fathers and dads-to-be.
3	Mentoring Men	<a href="https://mentoringmen.org.au/">https://mentoringmen.org.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Online	State / Partners	Long-term one-to-one life mentoring for men who are going through challenges or changes in their life.
4	Rural Adversity Mental Health Program - You Got This Mate	<a href="https://yougotthismate.com.au/">https://yougotthismate.com.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Online	State	Provides tips and info to help rural men reach their best possible mental health.
5	GAMMA - Gay and Married Men's Association	<a href="https://www.gamma.org.au/">https://www.gamma.org.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Online / Zoom	State	GAMMA is a peer support group for men married to or partnered with women, but coming to terms with same-sex attraction, providing safe and confidential opportunities to discuss issues relating to their sexuality and relationships.
6	Dads in Distress	<a href="https://www.parentsbeyondbreakup.com/dids">https://www.parentsbeyondbreakup.com/dids</a>	Adult	Free	Online / Phone		Support for separated dads.
7	SAMSN - Survivors & Mates Support Network	<a href="https://www.samsn.org.au/">https://www.samsn.org.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Online/phone/support groups	Federal / State / Partners	Australia's leading organisation for male survivors of child sexual abuse.
8	One in Three	<a href="https://www.oneinthree.com.au/">https://www.oneinthree.com.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Online		Support and advice for male victims of family violence and abuse.
9	TOMNET: The Older Mens Network	<a href="https://tomnet.org.au/">https://tomnet.org.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Online tools	Qld State Govt / Partners	Supporting men 50+ to improve their mental health and wellbeing. Queensland-based group with downloadable fact sheets and resources including 'The Retired Blokes' Book'.
10	Momentum Australia	<a href="https://momentumaustralia.org/">https://momentumaustralia.org/</a>	Adult	Free	Online / Phone/ Podcast		Christian Radio Ministry to men, to help them find faith in Christ, and also to find fellowship, camaraderie, openness, honesty, and support around other men in MoMENTum small groups.
11	Dads 4 Kids	<a href="https://dads4kids.org.au/">https://dads4kids.org.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Online tool		A harm prevention charity committed to excellence in fathering. Resources include a weekly newsletter, fact sheets, publications, and support articles.
12	Rural Aid	<a href="https://www.ruralaid.org.au/">https://www.ruralaid.org.au/</a>	All ages	Free	Online	Partners	Safeguarding farming and rural communities before, during and after natural disasters. Rural Aid is also dedicated to supporting a stable future for farmers to ensure they can keep providing food and fibre for all Australians. Offers free, confidential counselling to farmers, financial assistance to farmers facing disasters, fodder support, domestic water deliveries, water tank applications, 'Farm Army' platform for workers and volunteers.
13	Australian Dad's Network	<a href="https://www.australiandadsnetwork.org.au/">https://www.australiandadsnetwork.org.au/</a>	Adult	Free	Online / Facebook group / Podcast	Partners	Platform to connect with other Dads.

## RP-2      **RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH QUALITY AGRICULTURAL LAND**

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**Summary:** This report has been prepared in response to a Motion submitted by Councillor Richard Foley seeking avenues to protect prime agricultural land whilst also planning for sustainable solar development.

Sections 1 to 5 of the report provide background information on the NSW statutory planning system in relation to the assessment of solar farm developments, including developments on high-quality agricultural land. Section 6 provides information on legal avenues under the planning system for the protection of high-quality agricultural land.

### **Recommendation**

That Council receive and note the report.

### **Report**

This report is submitted for the information of Council. It has been prepared in response to the following Notice of Motion of Council dated 10 February 2025.

*That Council:*

- a rescinds Resolution No. 25/006 from the 20 January 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting, which reads as follows:*

*That Council receive a report:*

- a investigating the establishment of a Reference Group that could include relevant stakeholders such as farmers, energy experts, state planning authorities, and the Department of Planning and Environment*
- b detailing options for a framework for Electricity Generating Works that may Include:*
  - i draft provisions for a policy to guide development for any 'Electricity Generating Works' in the Wagga LGA*
  - ii decommissioning plans and rehabilitation of the site and land restoration when the energy generation use ends*
- c identifying partnerships and investment opportunities with companies focused on solar waste management, circular design, decommissioning and rehabilitation suitable for the Special Activation Precinct*
- d recognises wide community concerns within the Wagga Wagga LGA and the broader Riverina about large-scale solar energy generation (solar farm) developments on prime agricultural land, including arable farmland and quality livestock-grazing areas*
- e receives a report within two months that outlines the legal avenues available (if any) for Council to:*

- i protect high-quality agricultural land, including land verified as Land and Soil Capability (LSC) classes 1 to 3 or Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land (BSAL), by prohibiting any use other than agriculture, explicitly excluding solar energy generation works or any other non-agricultural development, regardless of impact mitigation measures*
- ii include safeguards such as mandatory decommissioning plans and rehabilitation of the site and financial guarantees (e.g., bonds) to cover the costs of land restoration when the energy generation use ends*
- iii prioritise solar installations on rooftops, car parks, and marginal land, aligning with state renewable energy targets*
- d in addition, the report should also include any advocacy required to amend state legislation, policy or guidelines to further protect prime agricultural land and have a consistent approach to assessing solar energy generation applications regardless of the scale of the development*

## **1 Permissibility of Land Uses under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979**

The Council Notice of Motion (NOM) seeks information on the legal avenues available to protect “high-quality agricultural land” from the development of non-agricultural land uses.

Land use development in NSW is governed by the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1974 (EP&A Act). Division 4.1 of the EP&A Act provides that an Environmental Planning Instrument (EPI), such as a Local Environmental Plan (LEP) or State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) can:

- (i) specify that certain development may be carried out without the need for development consent on certain land specified by the EPI (i.e. **Development that does not need consent**).
- (ii) specify that certain development may not be carried out except with development consent on certain land specified by the EPI (i.e. **Development that needs consent**).
- (iii) specify that development cannot be carried out on land with or without development consent, (i.e. **Development that is prohibited**).

It is this Division of the EP&A Act that provides the legal avenue by which land uses are controlled including the avenues for prohibition of land uses on agricultural land.

An EPI will categorise land by reference to a specific land use zone. The land use zones that are relevant to Council’s NOM are:

- RU1 Primary Production
- RU2 Rural Landscape
- RU3 Forestry
- RU4 Primary Production Small Lots

These land use zones are relevant to the Council NOM as they coincide with the areas of the Wagga Wagga LGA that will contain “high-quality agricultural land”.



For the purposes of this report, “high quality agricultural land” will be defined as land comprising either:

- Land having a Land and Soil Capability (LSC) class of 1, 2 or 3; or
- Land that is classified as Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land (BSAL).

The LSC classification system and BSAL are outlined later in Section 3 of this report.

## **1.1 Environmental Planning Instruments (EPIs)**

Land use permissibility within the Wagga Wagga LGA is governed by the provisions of the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 (LEP 2010) and also a series of State Environmental Planning Policies that apply across the state.

### **1.1.1 Local Environmental Plans**

Land use permissibility is addressed in the Land Use Table contained within the LEP 2010, covering all land use zones across the entirety of the Wagga Wagga LGA. The format of the Land Use Table including the standard zones and defined land uses is stipulated in the Standard Instrument—Principal Local Environmental Plan.

This is relevant to Council’s NOM as an EPI (including the LEP 2010) cannot introduce further sub-zones with differing land use provisions. For example, the EPI cannot provide a subzone within the RU1 (Primary Production) zone that could further distinguish “high-quality agricultural land” from other land in that zone.

An example of the LEP 2010 Land Use Table for the RU1 (Primary Production) zone is provided in Table 1 below. Part c(i) of the Council NOM would seek to prohibit any of the “non-agricultural” related land uses identified (and highlighted) in item 2 and 3 of the table. As there would be no ability to provide a sub-zone encapsulating the “high-quality agricultural land”, any adopted prohibitions would therefore extend across the entirety of the RU1 zone, irrespective of the agricultural quality of the land.

It is also important to note that the RU1 zone example below is an “open zone”. This means that any other land use is permissible with consent in the zone if it is not listed in either item 2 (permitted without consent) or item 4 (prohibited) of the table. The “open zone” provision is highlighted in Table 1 below and is relevant to the Council NOM as “electricity generating works” (which includes solar farms) are permissible with consent because of this provision.

**Table 1: RU1 Land Use Table – LEP 2010**

<i>Zone RU1 Primary Production</i>	
<b>1 Objectives of zone</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base.</li> <li>To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area.</li> <li>To minimise the fragmentation and alienation of resource lands.</li> <li>To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones.</li> <li>To foster strong, sustainable rural community lifestyles.</li> <li>To maintain the rural landscape character of the land.</li> <li>To allow tourist and visitor accommodation only where it is in association with agricultural activities.</li> </ul>
<b>2 Permitted without consent</b>	<i>Environmental protection works; Extensive agriculture; Home businesses; Home occupations; Roads</i>
<b>3 Permitted with consent</b>	<i>Aquaculture; Artisan food and drink industries; Bed and breakfast accommodation; Cellar door premises; Dual occupancies; Dwelling houses; Extractive industries; Farm buildings; Farm stay accommodation; Hardware and building supplies; Home industries; Intensive livestock agriculture; Intensive plant agriculture; Markets; Open cut mining; Roadside stalls; Rural supplies; Rural workers' dwellings; Secondary dwellings; Timber yards; Any other development not specified in item 2 or 4</i>
<b>4 Prohibited</b>	<i>Airports; Amusement centres; Camping grounds; Caravan parks; Commercial premises; Crematoria; Eco-tourist facilities; Entertainment facilities; Exhibition homes; Exhibition villages; Freight transport facilities; Function centres; Health services facilities; Heavy industrial storage establishments; Home occupations (sex services); Industrial training facilities; Industries; Local distribution premises; Mortuaries; Passenger transport facilities; Recreation facilities (indoor); Registered clubs; Residential accommodation; Restricted premises; Sex services premises; Storage premises; Tourist and visitor accommodation; Transport depots; Truck depots; Vehicle body repair workshops; Vehicle repair stations; Warehouse or distribution centres; Wharf or boating facilities; Wholesale supplies</i>

### 1.1.2 State Environmental Planning Policies

There are a number of SEPPs that also deal with land use permissibility that may be consistent or inconsistent with the provisions of an LEP. As opposed to land uses generally, SEPPs will normally deal with a specific type of land use and its permissibility.

An example of this would be the Housing SEPP which specifies that certain types of housing is permissible with or without consent in certain prescribed land use zones. As an example, the Housing SEPP allows for certain group homes to be developed in certain residential zones without the need for development consent. The intent of the

SEPP is to promote the diversity of housing types in residential areas across the state, despite an LEP containing a contrary provision that requires the group home to obtain consent.

In most cases, the provisions of a SEPP will prevail over the LEP as highlighted in the solar farm discussion under Section 2 below.

## 2 Solar Farms on high quality agricultural land

It is not possible to examine all possible “non-agricultural” land uses with respect to their permissibility under the LEP 2010 and any other applicable SEPP. For the purpose of examining the use of prohibitions as a legal avenue for protecting agricultural land, this section of the report examines solar farms and how this land use is controlled by the relevant EPIs affecting the Wagga Wagga LGA.

### 2.1 Electricity Generating Works Permissibility

The permissibility and requirement to obtain development consent for electricity generating works in the Wagga Wagga LGA is governed by the following 2 environmental planning instruments:

- Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 (LEP 2010)
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021(Transport and Infrastructure SEPP)

Under both instruments, electricity generating works is defined as follows:

***electricity generating works*** means a building or place used for the purpose of

- (a) making or generating electricity, or
- (b) electricity storage.

This definition includes “solar farm” development which generally consist of a large collection of photovoltaic solar panels. The panels absorb energy from the sun, converting this energy into electricity that is then sent to the electricity grid for distribution and consumption.

As detailed below, electricity generating works are permissible with consent within the rural areas of the Wagga Wagga LGA under both the LEP 2010 and the Transport and Infrastructure SEPP.

#### 2.1.1 LEP 2010 – Permissibility

With the exception of the RU5 Village Zone under which they are expressly prohibited, electricity generating works (including solar farms) are permitted with consent in all Rural Zones under the LEP 2010 as follows:

- RU1 Primary Production
- RU2 Rural Landscape
- RU3 Forestry
- RU4 Primary Production Small Lots

As electricity generating works are permissible with consent, a proponent may seek consent (i.e. lodge a Development Application) for this type of development on land within these zones.

### 2.1.2 Transport and Infrastructure SEPP – Permissibility

Division 4 of the Transport and Infrastructure SEPP specifically deals with development for electricity generating works.

Clause 2.36 identifies that development for the purpose of certain electricity generating works (including solar farms) may be carried out by any person with consent on any land in a prescribed non-residential zone. The following table identifies the prescribed non-residential zones and how they relate to the Wagga Wagga LGA.

**Table 2: Prescribed Zones – SEPP Transport and Infrastructure**

Prescribed non-residential zones under Transport and Infrastructure SEPP	Relationship to the LEP 2010
RU1 Primary Production	Solar farms are also permissible in this zone under the LEP 2010
RU2 Rural Landscape	Solar farms are also permissible in this zone under the LEP 2010
RU3 Forestry	Solar farms are also permissible in this zone under the LEP 2010
RU4 Primary Production Small Lots	Solar farms are also permissible in this zone under the LEP 2010
E4 General Industrial	Solar farms are also permissible in this zone under the LEP 2010
E5 Heavy Industrial	This zone does not exist under the LEP 2010
SP1 Special Activities	Solar farms are not permitted in any of the special activity zones under the LEP 2010
SP2 Infrastructure	Solar farms are not permitted in any of the special infrastructure zones under the LEP 2010
W4 Working Waterfront	This zone does not exist under the LEP 2010

### 2.1.3 Relationship between the Transport and Infrastructure SEPP and LEP2010

Clause 2.7 of the Transport and Infrastructure SEPP identifies that if there is an inconsistency with regard to the permissibility of electricity generating works under Clause 2.36 of the SEPP and permissibility under another environmental planning instrument (including the LEP 2010), the provisions of the SEPP prevail to the extent

of the inconsistency. As detailed in the Table 2 above, solar electricity generating works are permissible under both instruments in the 4 rural zones (RU1, RU2, RU3 and RU4), and therefore, there is no inconsistency with respect to permissibility within the rural areas of the Wagga Wagga LGA.

However, if Council was to seek an amendment to the LEP 2010 which would result in the prohibition of electricity generating works within some or all of the 4 rural zones (RU1, RU2, RU3 and RU4), such an amendment would not achieve its intended effect as permissibility of electricity generating works in these zones under the Transport and Infrastructure SEPP would prevail.

## 2.2 Consent Authority for Electricity Generating Works

Whilst development consent is required for solar farm developments within the rural zones under the LEP 2010 and the Transport and Infrastructure SEPP, the authority empowered to grant that consent will vary depending on the circumstances of the particular development proposal.

Council will be the consent authority for electricity generating works proposed on land within the Wagga Wagga LGA in circumstances where the development is not declared to be **State Significant Development (SSD)** or **Regionally Significant Development (RSD)**. The terms of these declarations are governed by state policy and are explained in Sections 2.21 and 2.23 of this report.

Table 3 below summarises the type of development and what authority is responsible for both the assessment and final determination of the development application.

**Table 3: SSD, RSD and Local Development Declaration**

Type of Development	Relevant SEPP and provision	Trigger under SEPP	Consent Authority	Assessment and Administration
State Significant Development (SSD)	State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021  Clause 2.6 and Schedule 1 of the SEPP	Has an estimated development cost of more than \$30 million	Minister for Planning (or their delegate) Or Independent Planning Commission (IPC)	Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)
Regionally Significant Development (RSD)	State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021  Clause 2.19 and Schedule 6 of the SEPP	Private infrastructure (which includes electricity generating works) that has an estimated development	Planning Panel	Council staff

Type of Development	Relevant SEPP and provision	Trigger under SEPP	Consent Authority	Assessment and Administration
		cost of more than \$5 million		
Local Development		Any Development that is not SSD or RSD	Council (elected) Or Council staff under delegation	Council staff

### 2.2.1 Declaration of State Significant Development (SSD) including SSD Solar Farms

SSD is development that is important to the State for economic, environmental or social reasons. Under the EP&A Act, development can become SSD in two ways: through a declaration in a SEPP or through a declaration in an order made by the Minister for Planning.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021 declares certain classes of development to be SSD based on their scale, nature and economic value. This includes types of development that meet the criteria in Schedule 1 of the SEPP, such as certain:

- mining, extractive industries, intensive agriculture, industrial processing and manufacturing facilities
- warehouses, distribution centres and data centres
- cultural, recreation and tourist facilities
- social infrastructure (education, health and correctional centres)
- transport facilities (air, rail, ports)
- non-linear utility development (electricity, water, sewerage and waste facilities).

In relation to solar farms proposed within the Wagga Wagga LGA, the development is declared SSD if it has an estimated development cost of more than \$30 million. Section 2.3 (Table 4) identifies solar farms in the LGA which have been declared SSD.

### 2.2.2 Consent Authority for State Significant Development (SSD) including SSD Solar Farms

For SSD, the Minister for Planning (or delegate) will determine the application except in the following circumstances. In these circumstances, the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) will determine the DA.

- the council of the area in which the development is to be carried out has objected to the DA
- there are at least 50 objections (other than from a council) to the DA (where petitions and submissions that contain substantially the same text count as one objection)
- the applicant has disclosed a reportable political donation.

Prior to determination of the SSD application, the assessment of the application is coordinated by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI). DPHI describe their role in this process as:

- *Carrying out all relevant administrative functions, (publishing information, exhibition, public notices, etc).*
- *Co-ordinating the assessment with key Local, State and Australian Government agencies.*
- *Encouraging community participation.*
- *Preparing the detailed assessment, including any recommended conditions of consent.*
- *Providing expert advice to the Independent Planning Commission and the Minister to assist decision-making.*
- *Monitoring compliance and taking regulatory action where necessary.*

### **2.2.3 Declaration of Regionally Significant Development (RSD) including RSD Solar Farms**

RSD is development that is important at a regional level for economic, environmental or social reasons. Under the EP&A Act, development can become Regionally Significant Development (RSD) by declaration in a SEPP.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021 declares certain classes of development to be RSD under Schedule 6. The declarations can be summarised as including:

- projects with a capital investment value of more than \$30 million
- projects with a capital investment value of more than \$5 million that are:
  - council-related
  - lodged for the State of NSW
  - private infrastructure and community projects
  - eco-tourism facilities
- certain extractive industries, waste facilities and marinas

The schedule identifies electricity generating works (including solar farms) as a type of “private infrastructure”. Therefore, the trigger under this schedule for solar farm development is development having an estimated cost of more than \$5 million. Section 2.3 (Table 4) identifies solar farms in the LGA which have been declared RSD.

### **2.2.4 Consent Authority for Regionally Significant Development (RSD) including RSD Solar Farms**

The consent authority for RSD within the Wagga Wagga LGA is the Southern Regional Planning Panel (SRPP). Whilst the SRPP is the consent authority, Council planning staff will administer and assess the application. Council staff will prepare a final assessment report and recommendation that is tabled to the SRPP for its consideration and final determination.

As demonstrated in in Section 2.3 (Table 4) of this report, the majority of existing solar farm proposals, to date, within the Wagga Wagga LGA have triggered the thresholds for either SSD or RSD and have been (or will be) determined by the Planning Minister (or delegate), IPC or the SRPP. Given the low threshold for RSD solar farm proposals



(\$5 million CIV) it is unlikely that any future proposal will be determined by Council as local development.

### 2.3 Solar Farms – Wagga Wagga LGA (SSD and RSD)

Table 4 below provides an overview of current solar farm developments (including 2 battery energy storage system projects – BESS) within the Wagga Wagga LGA. These include any SSD, RSD or local project that has received development consent. It also includes any SSD project that has at least received SEARs (Secretary's environmental assessment requirements).

Three projects identified in the table (**highlighted**) encroach on "high-quality agricultural land".

**Table 4: Solar Farm and BESS Projects – Wagga Wagga LGA**

Project	Size (MW)	CIV	SSD, RSD or local (Consent Authority)	Status	Footprint (Ha)	LSC Class 3 Land
SSD-80114208  731 Livingstone Gully Rd Big Springs	300-600	Over \$30m	SSD (Minister or IPC)	SEARS issued - EIS preparation	1,345	No
SSD-8825-Mod-4  Gregadoo Solar Farm Boiling Down Road Gregadoo	65	\$95m	SSD (Minister)	Approved  Modification to add BESS under assessment	97	No
Bellhaven BESS 233 Boiling Down Road Rowan	<b>BESS proposal</b> 400MW/800MWh	Over \$30m	SSD (Minister or IPC)	SEARS issued - EIS preparation	10	No
SSD-77527735  Mangoplah BESS Holbrook Road, Mangoplah	<b>BESS proposal</b> 100MW/400MWh	Over \$30m	SSD (Minister or IPC)	SEARS issued - EIS preparation	4	No

Project	Size (MW)	CIV	SSD, RSD or local (Consent Authority)	Status	Footprint (Ha)	LSC Class 3 Land
SSD 8835  Bomen Solar Farm Trahairs Road Bomen	100	\$164m	SSD (Minister)	Approved - <b>operational</b>	256	No (located within Bomen SAP)
DA24/0452  1000 Burkes Creek Rd THE ROCK	6.3	\$6.5m	RSD (SJRPP)	Under assessment	15	Yes
DA22/0122  Boorool 1268 Oxley Bridge Rd URANQUINTY	5	\$6.5m	RSD (SJRPP)	Approved - <b>Construction commenced</b>	16.67	Yes
DA21/0151  225 Trahairs Rd BOMEN	2.2	\$3.34m	Local (WWCC)	Approved - <b>operational</b>	6.5	No (located within Bomen SAP)
DA20/0558  Fruitdale 190 Rodhams Rd URANQUINTY	12	\$19m	RSD (SJRPP)	Approved - Not commenced	42	Yes
DA20/0016  157 Windmill Rd BOMEN	18.7	\$26.8m	RSD (SJRPP)	Approved - <b>operational</b>	55	No (located within Bomen SAP)
DA17  157 Windmill Rd BOMEN	26	\$29.2m	RSD (SJRPP*) (* approved by Land & Environment Court)	Approved - <b>operational</b>	70	No (located within Bomen SAP)
DA17/0434	2.5	\$2.5m	Local (WWCC)	Approved - Not commenced -	2.3	No (located within

Project	Size (MW)	CIV	SSD, RSD or local (Consent Authority)	Status	Footprint (Ha)	LSC Class 3 Land
16 Jersey St BOMEN				Consent lapsed		Bomen SAP)

### 3 High-Quality Agricultural Land

With reference to the term used in the Council NOM and for the purposes of this report, “high-quality agricultural land” will be defined as land comprising either:

- Land having a Land and Soil Capability (LSC) class of 1, 2 or 3; or
- Land that is classified as Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land (BSAL).

This is consistent with the classification of land identified as “important agricultural land” in the NSW Government’s “Large Scale Solar Energy Guideline” as discussed in section 5 of this Report.

#### 3.1 Land and Soil Capability (LSC) classes 1 to 3

Land and Soil Capability (LSC) mapping has been developed by NSW Office of Environment and Heritage through the assessment of eight key soil and landscape limitations (water erosion, wind erosion, salinity, topsoil acidification, shallow soils/rockiness, soil structure decline, waterlogging and mass movement).

The mapping is based on an eight class system with values ranging between 1 and 8 representing a decreasing capability of the land to sustain land use. Class 1 represents land capable of sustaining most land uses including those that have a high impact on the soil (e.g. regular cultivation), whilst class 8 represents land that can only sustain very low impact land uses (e.g. nature conservation).

**Table 5 – LSC Classes 1-8**

LSC class	General definition
<b>Land capable of a wide variety of land uses (cropping, grazing, horticulture, forestry, nature conservation)</b>	
1	<b>Extremely high capability land:</b> Land has no limitations. No special land management practices required. Land capable of all rural land uses and land management practices.
2	<b>Very high capability land:</b> Land has slight limitations. These can be managed by readily available, easily implemented management practices. Land is capable of most land uses and land management practices, including intensive cropping with cultivation.
3	<b>High capability land:</b> Land has moderate limitations and is capable of sustaining high-impact land uses, such as cropping with cultivation, using more intensive, readily available and widely accepted management practices. However, careful management of limitations is required for cropping and intensive grazing to avoid land and environmental degradation.
<b>Land capable of a variety of land uses (cropping with restricted cultivation, pasture cropping, grazing, some horticulture, forestry, nature conservation)</b>	
4	<b>Moderate capability land:</b> Land has moderate to high limitations for high-impact land uses. Will restrict land management options for regular high-impact land uses such as cropping, high-intensity grazing and horticulture. These limitations can only be managed by specialised management practices with a high level of knowledge, expertise, inputs, investment and technology.
5	<b>Moderate–low capability land:</b> Land has high limitations for high-impact land uses. Will largely restrict land use to grazing, some horticulture (orchards), forestry and nature conservation. The limitations need to be carefully managed to prevent long-term degradation.
<b>Land capable for a limited set of land uses (grazing, forestry and nature conservation, some horticulture)</b>	
6	<b>Low capability land:</b> Land has very high limitations for high-impact land uses. Land use restricted to low-impact land uses such as grazing, forestry and nature conservation. Careful management of limitations is required to prevent severe land and environmental degradation.
<b>Land generally incapable of agricultural land use (selective forestry and nature conservation)</b>	
7	<b>Very low capability land:</b> Land has severe limitations that restrict most land uses and generally cannot be overcome. On-site and off-site impacts of land management practices can be extremely severe if limitations not managed. There should be minimal disturbance of native vegetation.
8	<b>Extremely low capability land:</b> Limitations are so severe that the land is incapable of sustaining any land use apart from nature conservation. There should be no disturbance of native vegetation.

“High-quality agricultural land” refers to the 3 highest classes of land (classes 1 to 3) which are capable of sustaining a wide variety of land uses, having moderate to no limitations.

### 3.1.1 LSC classes within the Wagga Wagga LGA

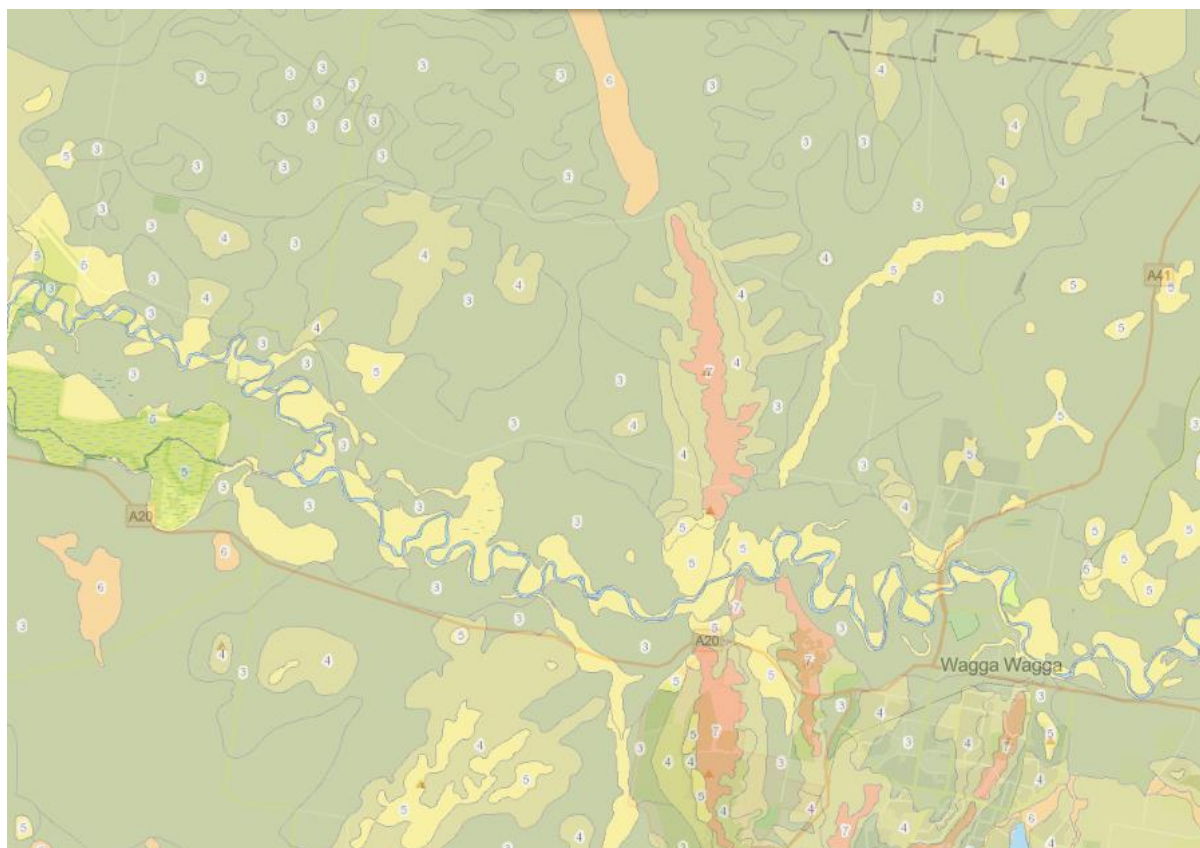
The Wagga Wagga LGA only contains “high-quality agricultural land” within class 3 of the LSC system as detailed in the table and map extracts below.

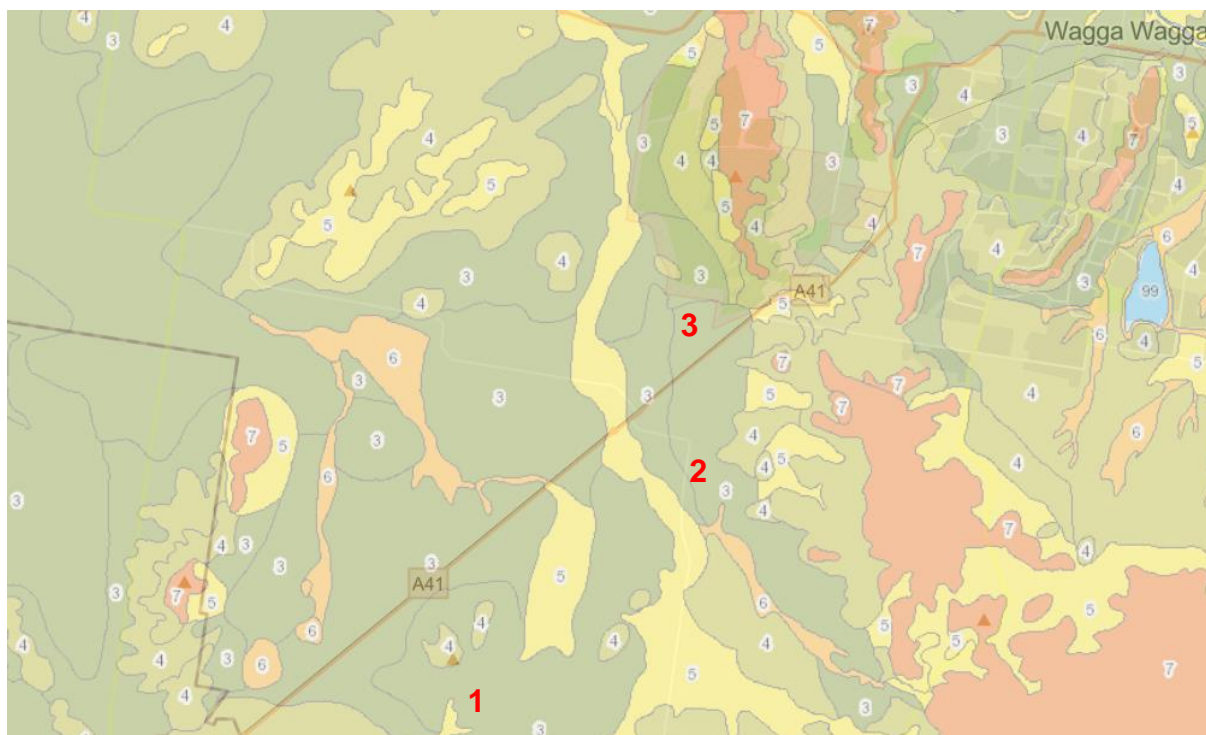
**Table 6 – LSC Classes within the Wagga Wagga LGA**

Class (LSC)	Land area within Wagga Wagga LGA (ha)
1	0
2	0
3	153,170
4 - 8	328,990
Total area of LGA	482,160

Class 3 land in the Wagga Wagga LGA is primarily located in the western parts of the LGA, predominantly to the north and west of the city. The following map extracts (Figures 1 and 2) are taken from the NSW Government SEED (Sharing and Enabling Environmental Data) portal. The map extracts identify the areas of the LGA dominated by LSC Class 3 land (dark green shading).

**Figure 1 – LSC classification – Wagga Wagga LGA – North West**



**Figure 2 – LSC classification – Wagga Wagga LGA – South West**

The map extracts in Figure 2 above, identifies the approximate location (1, 2 & 3) of the 3 solar farm projects impacting on Class 3 identified in Table 4 in Section 2.3 above. The combined footprint of these 3 projects impacting on LSC class 3 land is detailed in Table 7 below. This total footprint accounts for less than less than 0.05% of all class 3 land across the Wagga Wagga LGA.

**Table 7 – Cumulative impact of solar farm projects on LSC class 3 land - Wagga Wagga LGA**

Project impacting Class 3 land		Area of Class 3 land impacted (Ha)
1	DA24/0452 1000 Burkes Creek Rd THE ROCK	15
2	DA22/0122 BOOROOL 1268 Oxley Bridge Rd URANQUINTY	16.67
3	DA20/0558 Fruitdale 190 Rodhams Rd URANQUINTY	42
<b>COMBINED PROJECT AREAS</b>		<b>73.67</b>
<b>TOTAL AREA OF LSC CLASS 3 LAND IN LGA</b>		<b>153,170</b>
<b>% CLASS 3 LAND IMPACTED</b>		<b>0.048%</b>



With respect to the wider cumulative impact of solar farms across the State, the NSW Government's "Large Scale Solar Guideline" (see discussion under Section 5 of this report) states that the Australian Energy Market Operator estimates that NSW will need approximately 20,000 MW of large scale solar generation by 2050. This would require approximately 40,000 ha of land or only 0.06% of rural land in NSW. Even in the highly unlikely scenario that all of NSW's solar generation were located on important agricultural land, only 0.4% of this land would be required.

### **3.2 Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land (BSAL)**

Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land (BSAL) is land comprising the best quality landforms and also high-quality soil and water resources. This land is capable of sustaining high levels of productivity and requires minimal management practices to maintain this high quality. BSAL plays a critical role sustaining the State's agricultural industry.

BSAL mapping has been granted legal effect through its adoption under State Environmental Planning Policy (Resources and Energy) 2021. Its adoption in the SEPP requires any state significant mining or coal seam gas project located on BSAL is subject additional scrutiny in the form of an independent, upfront and scientific assessment of the land and water impacts of the proposal.

BSAL mapping has also been recognised as important agricultural land under the NSW Government's Large-Scale Solar Energy Guideline. Proponents of SSD large scale solar farms impacting on important agricultural land are required to undertake an agricultural impact assessment to determine:

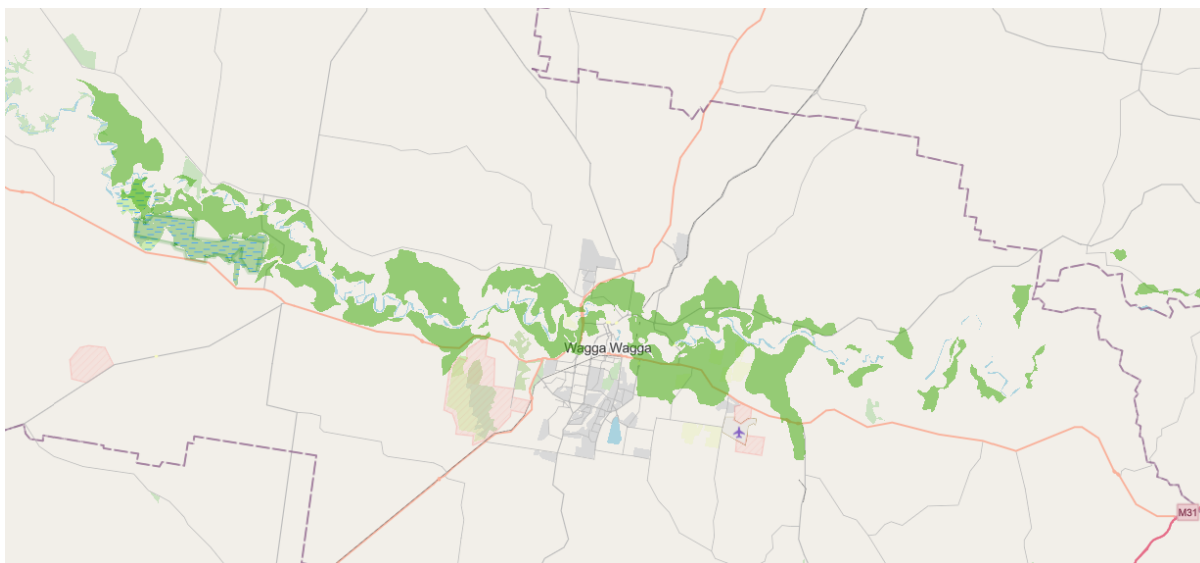
- the agricultural capability and productivity of land subject to the project site
- potential impacts of the solar energy project on agricultural land and associated industries
- the ways in which potential impacts may be mitigated.

Further information on the guideline is detailed in Section 5 later in this report.

#### **3.1.2 BSAL within the Wagga Wagga LGA**

Current mapping of BSAL in the Wagga Wagga LGA is predominantly restricted to areas along the Murrumbidgee River floodplain as illustrated by the bright green shading in Figure 3 below. In addition to its proximity to the Murrumbidgee River, the areas of mapped BSAL with Class 3 land under LSC system located within the floodplain corridor of the river.

Given that BSAL is within the floodplain of the Murrumbidgee River, the high risk flooding constraint would preclude many non-agricultural land uses (including solar farms) from this area. The vast majority of this land is utilised for agricultural production and currently remains largely devoid of any non-agricultural land uses. As a consequence, it is unlikely that this land will be subjected to non-agricultural development pressure in the future.

**Figure 3 – BSAL – Wagga Wagga LGA**

## 4 Assessment Requirements

Where a non-agricultural land use is permissible with consent in a rural zone, a person may make application to the consent authority for that development.

Upon receipt of the application, the consent authority is responsible for the assessment and determination of the development application. In determining the application, the consent authority may either:

- approve the application unconditionally; or
- approve the application subject to conditions; or
- refuse the application (if the application is refused, reasons must be given as to why the application has been refused).

Whilst a non-agricultural related land use may be permissible with consent on rural zoned land that incorporates “high-quality agricultural land”, the impact of that development on this land must be considered during the assessment of the application under the provision to the EP&A Act.

### 4.1 Evaluation under Section 4.15(1) of the EP&A Act

In determining an application, the EP&A Act requires that the consent authority give appropriate consideration to matters if relevance identified under Section 4.15(1) of the Act. These matters include:

- the provisions of any EPI (LEPs and SEPPs) including any draft EPIs that apply to the land to which the development application relates
- any development control plans that apply to the land to which the development application relates
- the likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality,
- the public interest.



For any development that is permissible with development consent, the provisions of Section 4.15(1) remain a “legal avenue” to ensure that inappropriate impact on “high-quality agricultural land” is avoided. The provision acts as a “safety net” to ensure that the impacts of any permissible development are considered as part of a balanced assessment to inform the consent authority’s final determination.

With regard to the protection of “high-quality agricultural land”, the following comments are provided with regard to the matters for consideration under Section 4.15(1).

#### **4.1.1 Consideration of EPIs and draft EPIs - s4.15(1)(a)(i) & (ii)**

The following EPIs are examined as having relevance to the development on rural land:

- Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 (LEP 2010)
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021(Transport and Infrastructure SEPP)
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Primary Production) 2021(Primary Production SEPP)

As identified below, none of these instruments contain specific provisions that would restrict permissible non-agricultural development from being considered on rural land.

In addition to this, and in relation to solar farm development, none of the instruments contain specific provisions dealing with matters identified in parts c(ii) and c(iii) of Council’s NOM, including the requirement for mandatory decommissioning and rehabilitation plans, the requirement for the establishment of financial guarantees for land restoration or the requirement for locational prioritisations such as rooftops, car or marginal land.

#### **LEP 2010**

As identified earlier, there are a number of non-agricultural land uses that are permitted with consent within the rural zones under the LEP 2010, including electricity generating works. In considering whether consent should be granted, the consent authority must consider the objectives of the zone. For example, the objectives of the RU1 Primary Production zone are:

- *To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base.*
- *To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area.*
- *To minimise the fragmentation and alienation of resource lands.*
- *To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones.*
- *To foster strong, sustainable rural community lifestyles.*
- *To maintain the rural landscape character of the land.*
- *To allow tourist and visitor accommodation only where it is in association with agricultural activities.*

Whilst a number of these objectives relate to the protection of agricultural land, there are no other specific provisions of the LEP 2010 that deal either with the protection of “high-quality agricultural land” from non-agricultural development (including solar farms) or with the protection of this land generally.

### Transport and Infrastructure SEPP

Division 4 of SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure), specifically deals with development for electricity generating works.

Clause 2.36 of Division 4, identifies that development for the purpose of certain electricity generating works (including solar farms) may be carried out by any person with consent on any land in a prescribed non-residential zone. Prescribed zones include the RU1, RU2, RU3 and RU4 zones under the LEP.

Whilst the SEPP addresses the permissibility of a range of transport and infrastructure related development, it does not contain any other provisions that require the consideration of impact from these developments (including solar farms) on prime agricultural land.

### Primary Production SEPP

Part 2.2 of this SEPP deals with state significant agricultural land (SSAL). The objectives of the part is:

- (a) *to identify State significant agricultural land and to provide for the carrying out of development on that land,*
- (b) *to provide for the protection of agricultural land—*
  - (i) *that is of State or regional agricultural significance, and*
  - (ii) *that may be subject to demand for uses that are not compatible with agriculture, and*
  - (iii) *if the protection will result in a public benefit.*

Land is identified as SSAL if it is contained in Schedule 1 of the SEPP. The SEPP requires that any development affected by SSAL must address any provisions contained in Schedule 1.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries is undertaking a mapping program to identify SSAL. This mapping is in an early draft stage and will be subject to continuous refinement before it is ready for use. At present, the mapping is very broad scale and not suitable for development proposal assessment.

It is intended that the draft SSAL map will eventually be used to provide information to planning authorities, land holders and development proponents about the location of the best agricultural land in the state.

Based on the status of this mapping, there is currently no SSAL identified in Schedule 1 of the Primary Production SEPP. There are also currently no provisions identified in Schedule 1 for consideration in relation to impact on SSAL.

The following is a map extract showing the current SSAL mapping within the Wagga Wagga LGA.

**Figure 3 – SSAL – Wagga Wagga LGA**

#### **4.1.2 Consideration of DCPs - s4.15(1)(a)(iii)**

Development on rural land must be considered against the provisions of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 (DCP 2010).

##### DCP 2010

Chapter 8 of the DCP 2010 deals with rural development. It incorporates a series of controls based on the following rural development design principles:

*P1 Demonstrate responsible and sustainable use of agricultural land, and in particular prime crop and pasture land.*

*P2 Ensure land use compatibility by providing buffer areas, clearly defining building envelopes, and ensuring that new or nontraditional uses do not upset the balance unless well justified.*

*P3 Minimise impacts on vegetation, timber production, land capability (quality and stability of water courses), and ground water storage and riparian rights. Where possible, improve the environmental conditions of the site and locality.*

Despite these principles, there are no controls within the DCP that specifically refer to or deal with “high-quality agricultural land” in relation to the protection of this land from non-agricultural land uses (including solar farms) or in relation to the protection of this land generally.

#### **4.1.3 The likely impacts of that development - s4.15(1)(b)**

The consent authority is required to give consideration to a broad range of likely environmental, social and economic impacts in the locality, resulting from the development and irrespective of the provisions of any relevant EPI or DCP.

For example, a development proposed on rural land will have a direct impact on that land, and the consent authority is required to give consideration to this impact when making its determination.

The applicant is required to prepare and submit a Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) or, in the case of Designated Development, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS). Both an SEE or EIS is required to outline the likely impacts of the proposal, and the proposed measures that will be employed to mitigate these impacts. This may include supporting specialist reports specifically prepared to focus on a particular impact (e.g. noise, bushfire, traffic, biodiversity, etc.).

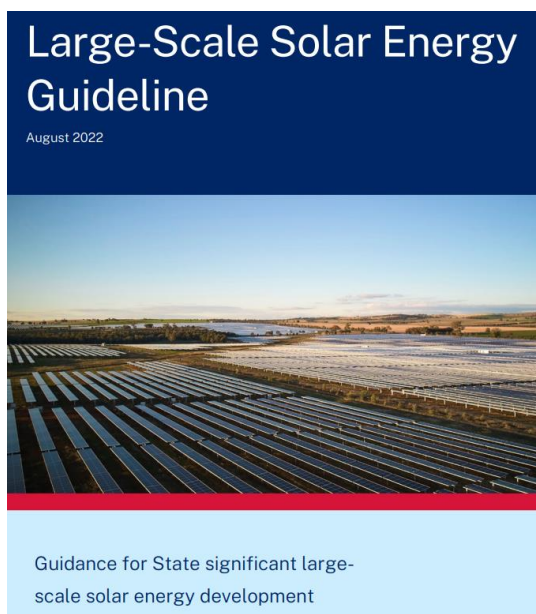
#### **4.1.4 The public interest - s4.15(1)(e)**

This section covers a broad range of matters relevant to the development proposal if it is considered to be in the public interest to do so. As an example, such matters may extend to the consideration of other relevant government policy, standards or best practice guidelines.

The NSW Governments “Large Scale Solar Guideline” (August 2022) is an example of a best practice guideline that could be a relevant public interest consideration with respect to a solar farm development that has been proposed on rural land. The Large Scale Solar Guideline is discussed in Section 5 of this report below.

For RSD and Local development, the guideline is not called up for consideration under any EPI or DCP. However, it is reasonable to consider that the guideline should be considered in the public interest with respect to solar farm development.

## **5 Large Scale Solar Guideline**



### **5.1 Purpose of Guideline**

This Large-Scale Solar Energy Guideline was released in 2018, with the current updated version of the guideline being released in August 2022. The guideline provides the community, industry, applicants and regulators with guidance on the planning

framework for the assessment of large-scale solar energy projects under the EP&A Act.

A full copy of the guideline and also a useful FAQ document are provided as an attachment to this report.

The objectives of the guideline are to:

- support the development of a sustainable solar industry in NSW by providing a clear, consistent and responsive policy framework
- encourage industry to select suitable sites for projects to avoid or reduce the likelihood and extent of land use conflicts and environmental and social impacts
- provide clear and consistent guidance on how to measure and assess key environmental impacts of large-scale solar energy projects in NSW
- promote meaningful, respectful, effective and best practice community and stakeholder engagement throughout the development assessment process.

This guideline applies to the development of large-scale solar energy projects that are declared as a state significant development (SSD). As stipulated in the Planning Secretary's environmental assessment requirements (SEARs), applicants must consider the guideline and its supporting technical supplements in preparation of their environmental impact statement (EIS) and supporting technical reports.

Although large-scale solar energy projects are the focus of this guideline, the guideline encourages applicants, councils and planning panels to consider the objectives and principles when preparing, assessing and determining solar energy development applications for regionally significant development (RSD).

## 5.2 Agricultural Impact Assessment under Guideline

It is important to note that the guideline makes the following statements regarding the cumulative impact of large-scale solar development on agricultural land in NSW.

- *Important agricultural land covers around 13.8% of the state and is 6 to 7 times more agriculturally productive than the remaining 86.2% of the state.*
- *Important agricultural land under the guideline includes LSC classes 1, 2 and 3 land and also BSAL (this is consistent with the "high value agricultural land" description used throughout this report).*
- *Agricultural land is desirable for the development of large-scale solar energy projects because:*
  - *agricultural land is often flat, which reduces the scale and likelihood of visual impacts*
  - *agricultural land is often cleared of vegetation, which limits any biodiversity impacts*
  - *scale solar energy projects require large portions of contiguous land comparative to other types of industrial development*
  - *solar energy development is permissible on land zoned for agricultural and rural land uses*
- *Despite these factors, the cumulative risk to agricultural land and productivity because of large-scale solar development is very low.*



- *The Australian Energy Market Operator estimates that NSW will need approximately 20,000 MW of large scale solar generation by 2050. This would require approximately 40,000 ha of land or only 0.06% of rural land in NSW.*
- *Even in the highly unlikely scenario that all of NSW's solar generation were located on important agricultural land only 0.4% of this land would be required.*
- *Large-scale solar energy development and agricultural practices can work and exist together to benefit both landholders and solar development applicants. There are many examples of co-location such as sheep grazing, beekeeping and horticultural activities.*

While the cumulative risk to both rural land and important agricultural land is deemed relatively low, the guideline aims to balance the need for renewable energy with the need to safeguard important agricultural land for food and fibre production and to ensure that any use of this land would not have a significant impact on the local and regional agricultural industry.

The guideline therefore requires an assessment of the impacts of large-scale solar energy projects where they may affect important agricultural land. The agricultural impact assessment is to ensure that there is a detailed understanding of:

- the agricultural capability and productivity of land subject to the project site
- potential impacts of the solar energy project on agricultural land and associated industries
- the ways in which potential impacts may be mitigated.

Once the capability of the land is verified, applicants may be required to undertake a basic, reduced or detailed assessment based on the following triggers:

**Table 9 – Agricultural impact assessment under the Large Scale Solar Guideline**

Project location	Level of assessment	Content of assessment
Located adjacent to rural zoned land	Level 1 – basic	Ensure that applicants, in consultation with landholders, identify and consider potential impacts on immediately adjacent agricultural land.
Located on rural zoned land verified as LSC class 4	Level 2 – reduced	Consider impacts and conflicts with the agricultural land subject to the project site.
Located on rural zoned land verified as LSC class 1-3	Level 3 – detailed	Provide a detailed justification for the project, include an assessment of whether the project would significantly impact the local or regional agricultural industry.
Other scenarios	No assessment required	

A detailed overview of how the assessment is to be completed is contained at Appendix A of the guideline (provided as an attachment). The assessment will then be used by the consent authority to guide their assessment of the impacts of the development and to determine the overall merits of the application.

### 5.3 SSD Solar Farms Assessed under Guideline

Table 10 below is a summary of all determined SSD applications for solar farms within NSW for the past 5 years (2020-25). The applications have been assessed against

either the original 2018 guideline or the current (August 2022) updated guideline. All projects have been granted consent.

A number of the projects include areas of “high-quality agricultural land” (highlighted) within the footprint of the solar farm development.

**Table 10 – SSD Large Scale Solar Projects Approved in NSW (2020 – 2025)**

Project Name	LGA	Consent Date	Consent Authority (Minister or IPC)	Size (MW)	Footprint Area (Ha)	Area of LSC Class 1-3 or BSAL (Ha)
Middlebrook	Tamworth	11/11/24	IPC	320	515	0
Gunning	Upper Lachlan	29/10/24	Minister	250	486	151
Wallaroo	Yass Valley	11/9/24	IPC	100	165	0
Goulburn River	Upper Hunter	23/08/24	Minister	450	792	0
Birriwa	Mid Western Regional & Warrumbungle Shire	16/8/24	IPC	600	1197	0
Peninsula	Forbes	21/06/24	Minister	80	179	140
Darobalgie	Forbes	04/06/24	Minister	100	277	0
Glanmire	Bathurst	30/1/24	IPC	60	186	40
Glenellen	Greater Hume	15/12/23	IPC	200	309	0
Oxley	Armidale	11/12/23	IPC	215	268	0
Marulan	Goulburn Mulwaree	16/08/23	Minister	152	330	0
Blind Creek	Queanbeyan-Palerang	28/07/23	Minister	350	685	0
Forest Glen	Dubbo	28/02/23	Minister	90	384	0
Silverleaf	Narrabri	21/04/22	Minister	120	396	46
Tilbuster	Armidale	03/03/22	Minister	150	168	0.21
Wellington North	Dubbo	21/04/21	Minister	300	814	YES
Culcairn	Greater Hume	25/3/21	IPC	350	892	0
Springdale	Yass Valley	19/2/21	IPC	100	185	0
Yarren Hut	Bogan	28/01/21	Minister	28	92	92
Bonshaw	Inverell	3/12/20	IPC	200	149	54
Jindera	Greater Hume	22/12/20	IPC	120	377	0
Walla Walla	Greater Hume	27/11/20	IPC	300	421	0

Project Name	LGA	Consent Date	Consent Authority (Minister or IPC)	Size (MW)	Footprint Area (Ha)	Area of LSC Class 1-3 or BSAL (Ha)
Maxwell	Muswellbrook	19/08/20	Minister	25	130	0
Quorn Park	Parkes	16/07/20	Minister	80	343	343
Yanco	Leeton	16/07/20	Minister	60	152	147
New England	Uralla Shire	9/3/20	IPC	720	2061	100

A review of the consent Departments assessment and recommendations with regard to the protection of “high-quality agricultural land” has been undertaken in relation to the SSD projects impacting on this land as highlighted in the Table 10 above. This review identified consistent reasoning across these projects as to why the consent authority supported these developments on “high-quality agricultural land” and why the authority ultimately granting consent to the projects. These reasons included:

- Being satisfied that the inherent agricultural capability of the land would not be affected by the project as it would be required to be returned back to the existing levels of capability following decommissioning.
- Being satisfied that land degradation issues, including weed management and minimum ground cover requirements, could be managed through strict land management measures.
- Being satisfied that there would be a continuation of agricultural output during solar production through the commitment to undertake grazing and other forms of compatible agriculture.
- Being satisfied that the project will not result in the fragmentation or alienation of any resource land in the locality.
- Being satisfied that the land can readily be returned to agricultural land following decommissioning.
- Being satisfied that the project footprint, combined with other approved and/or operational projects within the particular region, would impact on a tiny percentage of the overall area of agricultural land resulting in insignificant impact on the overall productivity of that region.
- Noting that, subject to the removal of all project infrastructure at decommissioning, DPI Agriculture did not raise concerns that long-term use of the land for agricultural purposes would be compromised.
- Concluding that the potential loss of a small area of agricultural land in the region and other potential land use conflicts must be balanced against:
  - The broader strategic goals of the Commonwealth and NSW Governments for the development of renewable energy in the future;
  - The environmental benefits of solar energy, particularly in reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
  - The economic benefits of solar energy, particularly in reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
  - The economic benefits of solar energy in an area with good solar resources and capacity in the existing electricity network; and
  - The benefits of dispatchable energy for grid stability and reliability.



## 6 Legal Avenues to Protect High-Quality Agricultural Land

Based on the background information provided in Sections 1 – 5 of this report, this section of the report examines the “legal avenues” under the EP&A Act that Council may consider to either prohibit non-agricultural development from occurring on “high-quality agricultural land” or alternatively to ensure safeguards are in place to minimise impacts of this development

These legal avenues respond to the 3 parts of the Council NOM - c(i), c(ii) and c(iii).

### 6.1 Council Notice of Motion part c(i)

***“That Council receives a report within two months that outlines the legal avenues available (if any) for Council to protect high-quality agricultural land, including land verified as Land and Soil Capability (LSC) classes 1 to 3 or Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land (BSAL), by prohibiting any use other than agriculture, explicitly excluding solar energy generation works or any other non-agricultural development, regardless of impact mitigation measures”***

As discussed below (sections 6.1.1 and 6.1.2), it is improbable that a legal avenue could be supported to introduce the prohibition of all uses, other than agriculture, on “high-quality agricultural land”.

#### 6.1.1 Introduction of Land Use Prohibitions to the LEP 2010

This legal avenue would seek to introduce a prohibition of all non-agricultural related land uses, including electricity generating works, within the RU1, RU2, RU3 and RU4 zones through the Land Use Table (under Part 2) of the LEP 2010. The intended goal of protecting “high-quality agricultural land” from possible impacts of non-agricultural related development would be achieved through the simple exclusion of this type of development imposed by the prohibition across all rural lands, irrespective of the quality of the land.

It is improbable that this legal avenue could be supported for the following reasons:

- The prohibition would likely be ineffective with respect to certain development types (including electricity generating works as discussed earlier) being permissible within the rural zones under a relevant SEPP. As identified in Section 2.1 earlier in this report, an example of this circumstance would be electricity generating works which are permissible in the rural zones under the Transport and Infrastructure SEPP. As discussed, where there is an inconsistency, the provisions of the SEPP will prevail, rendering the intent of the prohibition under the LEP ineffective.
- The Planning Proposal to seek the introduction of non-agricultural prohibitions across the rural Zones under the LEP 2010 would unlikely be supported by the Department who would be seeking consistency with relevant State or regional planning guidance and the mandatory provisions in the standard instrument.
  - The proposal would likely be deemed inconsistent with the aims and objectives of SEPPs that permit certain land uses with or without consent in these zones (such as the prohibition of electricity generating works which are permitted by the Transport and Infrastructure SEPP in rural zones).

- The proposal to prohibit non-agricultural land uses could be deemed inconsistent with the standard instrument which mandates that certain land uses are permissible in certain rural zones under an LEP with or without development consent. For example, an extractive industry (a non-agricultural land use) is mandated under the standard instrument as permissible with consent within the RU1 Primary Production Zone.
- The general prohibition of non-agricultural related development across the rural zones would not only restrict these land uses on “high-quality agricultural land” but would also restrict these uses on other land within rural areas which may have otherwise been deemed suitable for that development. This would effectively result in the unnecessary sterilisation of all rural land to potentially suitable non-agricultural land uses.
- The blanket prohibition of non-agricultural uses would render the rural zones as being suitable for agricultural uses only. Rural zones encompass land resources that are important to supporting a range of land uses, not just agriculture.

### 6.1.2 Introduction of a Restrictive Local Provision Clause to LEP 2010

As opposed to an outright prohibition being introduced across the entire zone (see 6.1.1 above), this avenue would propose the introduction of a restrictive clause under the LEP 2010 preventing the consent authority from granting consent to development for the purposes of non-agricultural land uses on specific land (i.e. “high-quality agricultural land”) located within the rural zones (RU1, RU2, RU3 and RU4).

It is improbable that this legal avenue could be supported for the following reasons:

- Subject to legal advice, it is likely that this type of Clause would effectively constitute a prohibition and would be ineffective for similar reasons to the avenue described in section 6.1.1 above. That is, the provisions of any relevant SEPP would prevail where the clause is inconsistent.
- The Planning Proposal seeking the introduction of the restrictive clause would unlikely be supported by the Department for similar reasons to the avenue described in section 6.1.1 above (i.e. it is likely to be inconsistent with relevant State or regional planning guidance and the mandatory provisions in the standard instrument).
- The clause would remove any opportunity for the consent authority to consider the overall merits of any non-agricultural related development on “high-quality agricultural land”. This would effectively sterilise this land from the ability to consider certain non-agricultural related development that, on overall merit, could be approved.

## 6.2 Council Notice of Motion part c(ii)

***“That Council receives a report within two months that outlines the legal avenues available (if any) for Council to include safeguards such as mandatory decommissioning plans and rehabilitation of the site and financial guarantees (e.g., bonds) to cover the costs of land restoration when the energy generation use ends”***

The following legal avenues (sections 6.2.1 and 6.2.2) could be investigated by Council to give effect to the matters raised in this part of the NOM.

### **6.2.1 Introduction of a Conditional Local Provision Clause to LEP 2010**

Instead of prohibiting non-agricultural development from occurring on rural land, this legal avenue would seek to introduce a clause under the LEP 2010 preventing the consent authority from granting consent to non-agricultural land uses on “high-quality agricultural land”, unless it had considered certain matters demonstrating how this land would be protected.

With respect to solar farm development, such a clause could, as an example, require all solar farm developments, irrespective of their size, to address the NSW Government’s “Large-Scale Solar Energy Guideline” in the preparation of any application.

Although this would not prohibit the development of solar farms on “high-quality agricultural land”, it would allow all applications to be considered on overall merit, and if deemed appropriate, would permit the authority to grant consent.

Whilst this would not alter the current situation with regard to permissibility, the introduction of a mandatory LEP clause would add weight to the protection of agricultural land as a matter for consideration in the overall assessment process and would place increased onus on the proponent to thoroughly address the impacts of their development on agricultural land.

Despite SSD solar farm projects already being required to give consideration to the guideline, the introduction of the clause would also mandate this consideration upon all scales of solar farm development. This would improve consistency across the assessment of all solar farm development in the Wagga Wagga LGA, irrespective of the scale of the development or the consent authority responsible for the assessment. The adoption of the guideline would also be consistent with the position taken within the document that encourages applicants, councils and planning panels to consider the guideline when preparing, assessing and determining solar energy development applications for non-SSD development.

Whilst the guideline is intended for solar farm development, further investigation could also determine if the principles and processes contained in the guideline relating to the protection of agricultural land, could be applied to other non-agricultural related land uses that propose larger footprints over “high-quality agricultural land”. For small scale non-agricultural developments, a refined guideline could be established that would be more commensurate with the potential impacts of these types of development.

### **6.2.2 Introduction of Development Controls under a DCP**

A further legal avenue available for consideration would be to incorporate development controls within the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 (DCP 2010) with the objective of protecting “high-quality agricultural land”.

As stipulated under the EP&A Act, DCPs are required to facilitate development that is permissible with consent under an EPI. It is therefore not possible to use the DCP to impose prohibitive development controls. This would include applying controls that prohibit non-agricultural developments that would otherwise be permissible with consent under the LEP 2010 or a relevant SEPP.

A DCP can, however, include controls that will give effect to the aims of an EPI and the objectives of a particular zone under the EPI. For example, DCP controls could

reflect and support the provisions of a conditional local provision clause under the LEP 2010, such as that discussed under Section 6.2.1 above. In this example, the DCP could add detail to the requirements and processes surrounding the application of the Large-Scale Solar Energy Guideline in the assessment of RSD and Local level solar farm proposals.

As the provisions of a DCP are not a statutory requirement, it is recommended that amendments to the DCP do not occur in isolation, without the supporting provisions under an EPI. The DCP isolation will not provide the statutory weight necessary to ensure that both the proponent and the consent authority give proper regard to the protection of “high-quality agricultural land”.

### 6.3 Council Notice of Motion part c(iii)

***“That Council receives a report within two months that outlines the legal avenues available (if any) for Council to prioritise solar installations on rooftops, car parks, and marginal land, aligning with state renewable energy targets”***

#### 6.3.1 Rooftop and carpark solar arrays

As the primary subject of the NOM is the protection of “high-quality agricultural land”, it is assumed that this part of the NOM is seeking information on the opportunities for solar farm proponents to accommodate their developments on building rooftops or above carpark areas, instead of agricultural land.

Existing or proposed solar farm projects within the Wagga Wagga LGA (see information in Table 4 under Section 2.3 of this report) have production capacities ranging from 2MW through to 300+MW. To provide a sufficient number of panels to produce these outputs, the developments cover land areas ranging from 2 hectares to in excess of 1000 hectares. Given the electricity production and land area requirements, it would be unrealistic to expect that these developments could be accommodated on available building roof tops or above available carparking areas across the city.

#### 6.3.2 Marginal Land

Marginal Land in NSW is not clearly defined however it is generally accepted that it is land having little or no agricultural or industrial value. It often has poor soil and other undesirable characteristic causing the land to be incapable of production or profit. Having regard to the LSC classification system discussed in Section 3.1 of this report, marginal land could be described as LSC classes 6 to 8 (see description in Table 5). These land classes have very high to severe limitations causing potential for severe land degradation and other negative impacts and are therefore unsuitable for all land uses except for those with very low impacts.

Having regard to these limitations, marginal land would likely be unsuitable for solar farm development and should not be prioritised. The establishment of solar arrays and the associated infrastructure would likely conflict with constraints present on the land including fragile soils, steeper slopes and important vegetation.

## 6.4 Advocacy for Legislative Change

Given the limitations outlined in Sections 6.1.1 and 6.1.2 regarding Council's capacity to prohibit or restrict non-agricultural land uses under local planning instruments, Council could consider advocating for targeted amendments to relevant State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs).

Specifically, Council may advocate for changes to the Transport and Infrastructure SEPP 2021 and other relevant instruments to introduce provisions that either (a) explicitly limit the establishment of electricity generating works, including solar farms, on high-quality agricultural land classified as LSC Class 1 to 3 or Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land (BSAL), or (b) empower local councils with discretionary exemption powers to assess and determine appropriateness of such developments based on local land capability and strategic agricultural values. Such legislative reform would provide a clearer statutory pathway for the protection of valuable agricultural resources while supporting a consistent, merit-based approach to renewable energy development in regional areas.

### Financial Implications

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As this report is submitted to Council for information only, there are no financial implications.

### Policy and Legislation

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Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1974  
State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021  
State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021  
State Environmental Planning Policy (Primary Production) 2021  
Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010  
Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010

### Link to Strategic Plan

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#### The Environment

Objective: Our natural areas are protected and enhanced

Preserve and improve our natural assets

### Risk Management Issues for Council

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As this report is submitted to Council for information only, there are no risk management issues for Council.



### Internal / External Consultation

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N/A

### Attachments

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1.  Large Scale Solar Energy Guideline - Provided under separate cover
2.  Large Scale Solar Energy Guideline - FAQ - Provided under separate cover

**RP-3      2025/26 AIRPORT FEES AND CHARGES****Author:** Carolyn Rodney

**Summary:** The proposed Airport fees and charges for the 2025/26 financial year have been on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, from 12 March 2025 to 8 April 2025. This report outlines public submissions received, staff responses, and proposes adoption of those fees and charges.

**Recommendation**

That Council:

- a note that there were nine (9) public submissions received during the exhibition period for the 2025/26 Airport fees and charges
- b adopt the Airport Fees and Charges for the 2025/26 financial year, to commence from 1 July 2025
- c commence the new Passenger Service Charges from 1 September 2025

**Report**

Council, at its meeting of 10 March 2025, resolved:

**25/059      RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

**That Council:**

- a place the draft 2025/26 Airport Fees and Charges on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 12 March 2025 to 8 April 2025 and invite public submissions during this period
- b receive a further report following the exhibition and submission period:
  - i addressing any submissions made in respect of the draft 2025/26 Airport Fees and Charges
  - ii proposing adoption of the 2025/26 Airport Fees and Charges unless there are any recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period
  - iii proposing that the new Passenger Services Charges rates commence from 1 August 2025

**CARRIED**

The proposed Airport fees and charges for the 2025/26 financial year were placed on public exhibition from 12 March 2025 until 8 April 2025 and Council invited public submissions during this period. Staff initially reported to Council at the 28 April 2025 Council meeting, however two (2) public submissions were inadvertently missed from being reported to Council, and Council resolved:

**25/104 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors A Parkins and J McKinnon

**That Council defer consideration of 2025/26 AIRPORT FEES AND CHARGES until the 12 May 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

Nine (9) public submissions were received during the public exhibition period.

### **Airport User Notification**

In order for airport users to be provided with adequate notice of the change in fees and charges for the 2025/26 financial year, a three (3) month notification period is required for Airlines to enact this change – in particular for the Passenger Service Charges.

On adoption of the proposed fees and charges, Council staff will commence the notification process to airport users. Based on the required notification period, it is proposed to commence the increased Passenger Service Charges from 1 September 2025.

These adopted fees and charges will subsequently be incorporated into Councils Operational Plan for consideration and adoption by Council in its entirety in June 2025.

### **Financial Implications**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the financial position of the Wagga Airport has declined significantly over the past few financial years. This impact, along with the freezing of the passenger service charge from 2018/19 to 2022/23 inclusive, has resulted in the Airport reserve being reduced to a \$0 balance as at 30 June 2024.

For the Airport business to return to surplus and to fund any future capital spend at the Airport, the proposed yearly minimum increase in fees and charges is required.

### **Policy and Legislation**

Local Government Act 1993, Sections 610F  
Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines

### **Link to Strategic Plan**

### **Regional Leadership**

Leadership - Wagga Wagga is a regional leader and advocates for improved outcomes for our community

Provide strategic direction and leadership for our region to deliver key community priorities.

### **Risk Management Issues for Council**

Without adequate revenue to cover the costs of operating the Wagga Wagga Airport, the Airport will not be financially sustainable into the future and will not meet the expectations of the community.

## Internal / External Consultation

The draft 2025/26 Airport fees and charges were placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, from 12 March 2025 until 8 April 2025 with nine (9) public submissions being received. The submissions received are attached and below is a summary, along with response from staff.

There was also feedback received from Regional Express (REX) which was after the public exhibition period ended, as it was noted REX had some other time demands with meeting the 8 April 2025 exhibition period. For Councillors information, staff have included this feedback, together with staff response.

ID	Submitter	Submission Summary	Officers Response
FC-1	Craig Bromley	Suggests that any increase above CPI is required due to poor budget control, or unfunded improvements.	Some Airport costs increase at a rate higher than CPI. Until a decision on the Airport lease is determined, recent works undertaken at the Airport have been minor and required for the Airport to remain open and operational.
FC-2	Brendon Agpasa	Mentions passenger services charges and thresholds at other airports.	The passenger service charges and thresholds at the Wagga Airport are negotiated between the Wagga Airport and the Wagga airport passenger carriers.
FC-3	Geoff Breust – Wagga City Aero Club	Disagrees with the increases in private/recreational airport fees above inflation rate, but no increase in car parking rates.	<p>Council's proposed charge of \$18.19 per tonne (general aviation aircraft generally weighing less than one tonne) compared to the proposed passenger charge for RPT aircraft at \$18.36 per passenger. General Aviation are afforded unrestricted use of runways, taxiways, and their own aprons at \$18.19 per tonne, whereas RPT will pay \$18.36 per passenger to land.</p> <p>The Resident Private Aircraft – Annual Landing Permit is proposed to increase from \$204.37 to \$214.59 per tonne, a 5% increase.</p> <p>The landing charges fixed wing aircraft proposed to increase from \$16.84 to \$18.19 per tonne; landing charges rotary wing aircraft proposed to</p>



ID	Submitter	Submission Summary	Officers Response
		<p>Disagrees with the Annual Landing Permit for Private Aircraft being restricted to resident aircraft hangered at the Wagga Airport.</p>	<p>increase from \$8.43 to \$9.11 per tonne – an 8% increase.</p> <p>Some Airport costs increase at a rate higher than CPI, and it is due to this reason that some fees are increased at a rate higher than CPI, while others are not.</p> <p>It is also important to note that for the 2021/22 financial year, no increase to landing charges was applied, however CPI was 6.14%.</p> <p>It is proposed for the Airport carpark rates to remain the same as previous years. The overhead cost increases related to the carpark on a comparison percentage basis are far less than the overhead costs of operating the airport.</p> <p>Whilst there is no direct increase to the carpark rates, other rates have been increased - passengers experience increases with the passenger head tax charge, charged through the airlines.</p> <p>It is important to note that the adjacent valet service currently charge \$8.50 per day, compared to the Airport carpark rate of \$13.60 per day.</p> <p>The Annual Landing Permits for Private Aircraft are restricted to resident aircraft hangered at the Wagga Airport. All other aircraft that do not lease a hangar are to pay per landing.</p> <p>Having a hangar lease provides leaseholders with the ability to opt in to an annual landing charge rate. Those that do not</p>

ID	Submitter	Submission Summary	Officers Response
			<p>have a hangar lease pay per landing.</p> <p>A review of other regional airport fees and charges have found similar fee structures:</p> <p>Albury – “annual permit for locally based operators”;</p> <p>Orange – “Local private aircraft”;</p> <p>Dubbo – “Local Wellington Aerodrome Tenant”.</p>
FC-4	Geoff Breust	As above	As above
FC-5	Brayden Kettle – World Fuel Services (Australia) Pty Ltd	Concerns with the landing fee increases above CPI, and the restriction on Annual Landing Permits to aircraft hangered in Wagga.	As above
FC-6	Bob Chalton	<p>Requests the landing fee increases are reduced to a level commensurate with CPI, and for other Airport users to be charged to fund the shortfall.</p> <p>Requests reversal of the decision to restrict the Annual Landing Fees to resident aircraft.</p>	As above
FC-7	Robert Davies	<p>Disagrees with General Aviation fee increases above CPI.</p> <p>Suggests Council abandon charging landing fees to all general aviation aircraft.</p> <p>Recommends Council allow all aircraft the ability to participate in the annual landing permit, regardless if they have an aircraft hangered at the Wagga Airport (resident</p>	As above

ID	Submitter	Submission Summary	Officers Response
		aircraft), as opposed to paying on a per land casual basis.	
FC-8	John Smith	<p>Disagrees with General Aviation fee increases above CPI.</p> <p>Recommends Council allow all aircraft the ability to participate in the annual landing permit, regardless if they have an aircraft hangered at the Wagga Airport (resident aircraft), as opposed to paying on a per land casual basis.</p>	As above
FC-9	Andrew Irvine	<p>Notes that there is no consideration for a 50% discount on landing charges for non-resident private aircraft on weekends.</p> <p>Notes that there is no parking fees for aircraft, if there was, it is suggested that more of the dormant aircrafts would be moved on, making way for more visiting aircraft.</p>	<p>The airport fee structure does not allow for a 50% discount on landing charges for non-resident private aircraft on weekends. The costs of operating the airport do not decrease on a weekend (staff and contractor penalty rates increase on a weekend), therefore it is not appropriate for the fee to be discounted.</p> <p>Regarding the potential introduction of overnight parking fees for all aircraft (as is the case at most airports), this is currently in the process of being reviewed and will be discussed with Councillors during the 2025/26 financial year.</p>




Feedback received (after public exhibition period had ended):

Warrick Lodge Regional Express –	Disagrees with any increases above CPI as it is affecting any potential new owners considering purchasing REX.	Due to prior Council resolutions that allowed the passenger charges to be frozen for many years commencing with the COVID-19 pandemic (as is shown in green in the below table), Council resolved at the 13 February 2023 Council meeting to raise passenger
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		<p>charges by \$2 each financial year.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Fin year</th><th>Head Tax (ex GST)</th><th>\$ increase from prior year</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2018/19</td><td>\$ 12.36</td><td>\$ 0.22</td></tr> <tr> <td>2019/20</td><td>\$ 12.36</td><td>\$ -</td></tr> <tr> <td>2020/21</td><td>\$ 12.36</td><td>\$ -</td></tr> <tr> <td>2021/22</td><td>\$ 12.36</td><td>\$ -</td></tr> <tr> <td>2022/23</td><td>\$ 12.36</td><td>\$ -</td></tr> <tr> <td>2023/24</td><td>\$ 14.36</td><td>\$ 2.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>2024/25</td><td>\$ 16.36</td><td>\$ 2.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>2025/26</td><td>\$ 18.36</td><td>\$ 2.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>It is important to note that during the COVID-19 period, the Airport received significantly less income from operations, however the majority of the operational costs remained as the Airport was required to remain open and operational. This resulted in the Airport running at significant losses over these financial years, receiving \$0 support from Government to remain open.</p>	Fin year	Head Tax (ex GST)	\$ increase from prior year	2018/19	\$ 12.36	\$ 0.22	2019/20	\$ 12.36	\$ -	2020/21	\$ 12.36	\$ -	2021/22	\$ 12.36	\$ -	2022/23	\$ 12.36	\$ -	2023/24	\$ 14.36	\$ 2.00	2024/25	\$ 16.36	\$ 2.00	2025/26	\$ 18.36	\$ 2.00
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Direct correspondence will be provided to the Airport users outlining Council's decision.

### Attachments

1.  Airport Fees and Charges
2.  Airport Fees & Charges - 9 Submissions
3.  REX Feedback Received

Item Number	Fee Name	Pricing Policy ID	Year 24/25 Last Yr Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	Year 25/26 GST	Total Fee (incl. GST)	GST Applicable	Basis
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## Wagga Wagga City Council

### Council Facilities

#### Airport

0001	Airside Access Card – Initial	C	\$50.00	\$45.45	\$4.55	\$50.00	Y	Initial Issue
0002	Airside Access Card – Re-issue	C	\$50.00	\$45.45	\$4.55	\$50.00	Y	Replacement
0003	Authority to Drive Airside (ADA) – Initial	C	\$200.00	\$181.82	\$18.18	\$200.00	Y	Initial Issue
0004	Authority to Drive Airside (ADA) – Re-issue	C	\$50.00	\$45.45	\$4.55	\$50.00	Y	Renewal/Replacement
0005	Landing charge – fixed wing aircraft (non RPT)	D	\$16.84	\$16.53	\$1.65	\$18.19	Y	Per tonne per landing (manufacturers MTOW)
Landing charges apply to non-resident aircraft landing at Wagga Wagga Airport, but excludes RPT aircraft and operators exempted by Council.								
0006	Landing charge – rotary wing aircraft (non RPT)	D	\$8.43	\$8.28	\$0.83	\$9.11	Y	Per tonne per landing (manufacturers MTOW)
Landing charges apply to non-resident aircraft landing at Wagga Wagga Airport, but excludes RPT aircraft and operators exempted by Council.								

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0007	Landing Charge – Aircraft maintenance	D	Standard Rates per Tonne MTOW for first landing at Wagga. No landing fees for subsequent maintenance or test flights if pilots stated on CTAF that it a maintenance or test flight.				Y	Each
			Last year fee Standard Rates per Tonne MTOW for first landing at Wagga. No landing fees for subsequent maintenance or test flights if pilots stated on CTAF that it a maintenance or test flight.					
Where an aircraft is being serviced by a locally based MRO, Landing Charges will apply at the standard rate for the first landing only. No Landing Charges will be raised for subsequent maintenance or test flights.								
0008	Resident Commercial and Pilot Training Aircraft – Annual Landing Permit	D	\$408.74	\$390.16	\$39.02	\$429.17	Y	Per tonne per annum (manufacturers MTOW)
Annual permits apply to, and are valid for, the financial year commencing 1 July.								
0009	Resident Freight Aircraft – Annual Landing Permit	D	\$205.86	\$196.50	\$19.65	\$216.15	Y	Per tonne per annum (manufacturers MTOW)
Annual permits apply to, and are valid for, the financial year commencing 1 July.								
0010	Resident Private Aircraft – Annual Landing Permit	D	\$204.37	\$195.08	\$19.51	\$214.59	Y	Per tonne per annum (manufacturers MTOW)
Annual permits applicable to resident aircraft only. Resident aircraft are such aircraft that are hangared at this airport. Annual permits apply to, and are valid for, the financial year commencing 1 July.								
0011	ILS Approach	C	\$34.76	\$32.71	\$3.27	\$35.98	Y	Each
0012	ILS Precision Approach Charge > 400 approaches per year	E	\$25.04	\$23.56	\$2.36	\$25.91	Y	Each

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Item Number	Fee Name	Pricing Policy ID	Year 24/25 Last Yr Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	Year 25/26 GST	Total Fee (incl. GST)	GST Applicable	Basis
0013	Passenger Service Charge – Base rate for arriving and departing passengers	C	\$18.00	\$18.36	\$1.84	\$20.20	Y	Passenger
New fee rate to commence from 1 August 2025.								
0014	Passenger Service Charge - Wagga/Sydney greater than 180,000 passengers threshold combined	E	\$9.00	\$9.18	\$0.92	\$10.10	Y	Passenger
New fee rate to commence from 1 August 2025.								
0015	Passenger Service Charge - Wagga/Melbourne greater than 6,000 passengers threshold combined	E	\$9.00	\$9.18	\$0.92	\$10.10	Y	Passenger
New fee rate to commence from 1 August 2025.								
0016	Angel Flights, Care Flight, Emergency Services and Other Not For Profit Charitable Organisation Flights	E				No Charge	Y	Each
						Last year fee No Charge		
0017	Screening Fees – Departing Passenger (excludes infants 0-24 months)	C	\$15.83	\$14.16	\$1.42	\$15.58	Y	Passenger
0018	Car Parking – Annual	D	\$1,925.00	\$1,750.00	\$175.00	\$1,925.00	Y	Annual
0019	Car Parking – Weekly	D	\$67.50	\$61.36	\$6.14	\$67.50	Y	Week
0020	Car Parking – Daily	D	\$13.50	\$12.27	\$1.23	\$13.50	Y	Day
0021	Car Parking – Hourly	D	\$2.70	\$2.45	\$0.25	\$2.70	Y	Hour
0022	Car Parking – Lost Ticket	D	\$135.00	\$122.73	\$12.27	\$135.00	Y	Each
0023	Car Park Access Card – Initial	C	\$50.00	\$45.45	\$4.55	\$50.00	Y	Initial Issue
0024	Car Park Access Card – Re-issue	C	\$50.00	\$45.45	\$4.55	\$50.00	Y	Replacement
0025	Car Rental Operators - use of Car Park	C	\$0.50	\$0.45	\$0.05	\$0.50	Y	Each Use
To be invoiced monthly for each time the issued swipe cards are used by individual car rental operators.								
0026	Replacement for lost parking permit	D	\$90.00	\$81.82	\$8.18	\$90.00	Y	Each
0027	Vic Cards Issue	C	\$47.00	\$42.73	\$4.27	\$47.00	Y	Card Issue
0028	Promotional Displays	D	\$180.00	\$172.73	\$17.27	\$190.00	Y	Week
0029	Pavement Concession Application Fee	C	\$280.00	\$254.55	\$25.45	\$280.00	Y	Each
Applicable to all aircraft with an ACN of more than 20 for which a Pavement Concession is to be granted prior to the intended landing.								

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<b>Airport</b> [continued]								
0030	Pavement Concession Above Weight Charge	C	\$13.27	\$12.66	\$1.27	\$13.93	Y	Per tonne MTOW above 30 tonnes
0031	Quarterly Water Access Fee per leased site at Airport	C	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	N	Per leased site



#	First Name	Last Name	Submission
FC-1	Craig	Bromley	Any increase above the CPI indicates additional revenue is required due to poor budget control, or you have unfunded improvements. Given the head lease expires soon, you'd be crazy to plan improvements, so we're left with poor budget control that you want me, as an airport user, to pay for. Well, the travelling public is not a bottomless pit to repair financial mismanagement, so with respect, keep to your expense budget and limit the increase to CPI.
FC-2	Brendon	Agpasa	We have Passenger Services Charges like Wagga Wagga/Sydney/Brisbane/Melbourne/Gold Coast/Sunshine Coast/Geelong/Western Sydney/Canberra/Adelaide greater than 200,000 or more passengers threshold combined for \$10.10, Companion card for disability at this charge was \$10, many various flights at no charge, holiday bookings for a trip to Gold Coast and other interstate areas at various prices, and mail and cargo services with domestic and international mail deliveries at just \$5.10 respectively, but were all improved in our new, existing and expanded airport fees and charges through the Wagga Wagga Airport as well.
FC-3	Geoff	Breust	<p>WAGGA CITY AERO CLUB SUBMISSION REGARDING DRAFT FEES AND CHARGES 2025-26 WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT</p> <p>This submission is made on behalf of the Committee and sixty plus members of Wagga City Aero Club (WCAC). It covers two main issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increases in charges for Private / Recreational operations above the inflation rate but no increases in car parking rates for six years; and</li> <li>2. The introduction of the condition that access to the Annual Landing Permit for Private Aircraft is restricted to resident aircraft hangared at Wagga Wagga.</li> </ol> <p>Despite difficult economic conditions Wagga Wagga continues to support a vibrant private / recreational general aviation sector of which most pilots and aircraft owners are members of WCAC. Club membership has very modestly risen over recent years while privately owned aircraft numbers and privately owned hangars have grown at a higher rate reflecting growth in activity and revenue for the airport and Council.</p> <p>Of concern to our members, private / recreational flyers and aircraft owners is the continued increase in airport costs associated with our activities. While we accept that as users we are obliged to contribute to the operation and maintenance of the airport, we believe that annual costs should not increase above the CPI unless there are specific reasons for such increases.</p> <p>Per tonne per landing charges proposed for 2025-26 for fixed wing (non RPT) aircraft and rotary wing (non RPT) aircraft have increased by 8 percent over this year's fees. The Annual Landing Permit rate per tonne for Private aircraft has increased 5 percent. The annual CPI to January 2025 is 2.5 percent. Increases in these charges over recent years have continued to be greater than the CPI on an annual basis. This has the effect of compounding the increase above what it should be if the CPI rate was maintained.</p> <p>As there have been no significant changes to the facilities and services provided, especially for Private General Aviation users, we contend that annual increases should be no more than the annual CPI.</p> <p>It is appreciated Council received substantially reduced airport revenues during the pandemic, while the airline industry rebuilt its market and as a result of Regional Express moving to Administration. These factors should not be used as justification for increasing charges on the other user sectors, especially given the vast majority of costs incurred at the airport relate to airline / larger commercial aircraft operations.</p> <p>With regard to other proposed fees and charges, we note that car parking charges have not changed in six years – since 2019-20. These include annual, weekly, daily, hourly, lost ticket and Car Rental Operators' use of car parks – the latter being commercial operators. There is every reason these users should be subject to fee increases like everyone else. In many ways, car parking is a much more lucrative source of revenue than private aircraft landing charges.</p> <p>I now move to the second matter – that of Annual Landing Permit for Private Operators.</p> <p>In January 2018, WCAC successfully argued the case to Council at its meeting not to restrict access to the new Annual Landing Permit to only aircraft resident in Wagga Wagga. This was done to support WCAC and its members and to allow aircraft operators to make the decision as to whether to opt for the annual arrangement or pay the per landing rate.</p>

			<p>By stealth, Council retracted this decision in the fees for 2024-25 by including the resident requirement in the draft which was approved by Council and applied for the current year. When we say by stealth, we mean that the change was not highlighted as part of the community consultation process and as far as we are aware was not specifically highlighted to Councillors as part of the decision process. Unfortunately, WCAC did not pick up the fine print last year. Had we done so we would have objected to the change as we are doing now.</p> <p>Our argument, as it was in 2018, is based on the fact that there are numerous members of WCAC who do not live in Wagga Wagga or base their aircraft at Wagga Wagga Airport. Members are based in Lockhart, Junee, Coolamon, Temora, Cootamundra, Albury, Canberra and Sydney. In practice these members used Wagga Wagga Airport for club social activities, for maintenance services and, in particular, for the purchase of fuel.</p> <p>Since the introduction of the “Resident” condition last July, such members have by-passed Wagga Wagga for towns with airports which don’t charge landing fees and have fuel at competitive rates. This has been detrimental to WCAC’s activities and fund raising capability provided through our regular events.</p> <p>For example, a Canberra member this year has regularly used Temora which has two fuel suppliers (and very competitive rates) and no landing charges. This member is an avid private / recreational flyer who flies almost daily. He has indicated that some \$25,000 in fuel purchases, which would have been made in Wagga Wagga over the last nine months, have now been purchased at Temora and other regional airports including Cowra, Cootamundra, Merimbula and Moruya. This is a significant loss to the Wagga Wagga fuel supplier and, combined with the reduction in Wagga Wagga based flying by the Australian Airline Pilot Academy, may bring into question the viability of the local refuelling service. This is a very major concern for us.</p> <p>It remains our contention that it is far better for Council to adopt practices which entice private/recreational flyers to use the airport and its facilities than impose an impediment with little overall benefit to Council and send them elsewhere. We therefore recommend Council remove the “Resident” restriction from 1 July 2025.</p> <p>We also note the Airport Advisory Committee, which was established some years ago to assist Council with the operation and development of the Airport, has not met or been given an opportunity to review the proposed charges. We ask when the Committee will be reformed.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Geoff Breust President</p>
FC-4	Geoff	Breust	<p>OBJECTION - DRAFT FEES AND CHARGES 2025-26 WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT</p> <p>I write in response to the community consultation process with regard to the proposed Fees and Charges for Wagga Wagga Airport for 2025-26. I am a sub-lease holder at the airport, an aircraft owner, an active pilot and a city ratepayer. I object to the proposed increases in the individual (fixed wing and helicopter) and Annual Landing Permit for Private aircraft above the annual inflation rate. The proposed increases are 8 and 5 percent respectively while the annual CPI rate to January 2025 is only 2.5 percent. No substantial improvements or investments in infrastructure or service have been made over the year which justifies an increase in charges above the CPI.</p> <p>I particularly note that no increases have been made to car parking charges in the last six years – they have remained the same since 2019/20. This includes charges levied on the commercial rental car companies. Fees and charges for car parking should be subject to increases like those for all other users.</p> <p>With regard to the condition restricting access to the Annual Landing Permit for Private Operators to only aircraft hangared in Wagga Wagga, I was directly involved in consultation with Council in January 2018, where it was successfully argued not to introduce the restriction. This was done to support the aero club and its members and to allow aircraft operators to make the decision as to whether to opt for the annual arrangement or pay the per landing rate.</p> <p>Council effectively revoked the 2018 decision in the fees for 2024-25 by quietly including the resident requirement in the documentation which was subsequently approved by Council. The change was not highlighted as part of the community consultation process and as far as we are aware was not specifically highlighted to Councillors as part of the decision process. Unfortunately, I and others did not pick up the fine print last year. Had we done so we would have objected to the change then as now.</p> <p>Introduction of the “Resident” condition last July, resulted in operators by-passing Wagga Wagga for towns with airports which don’t charge landing fees and have fuel at competitive rates. One significant impact has been the reduction in fuel uplift in Wagga Wagga. Coupled with the reduction in flying by the Australian Airline Pilot Academy, the overall reduction in AVGAS uplift could render the fuel service unviable for the operator and the services discontinued. This is of major concern to me and my colleague operators at Wagga Wagga.</p> <p>It remains our contention that it is far better for Council to adopt practices which entice private/recreational flyers to use the airport and its facilities than impose an impediment, with little overall benefit to Council, and send them elsewhere. It is therefore recommended Council remove the “Resident” restriction from 1 July 2025.</p> <p>It is also noted the Airport Advisory Committee, which was established some years ago to assist Council with the operation and development of the Airport, has not met or been given an opportunity to review the proposed charges. We ask when the Committee will be reformed.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Geoff Breust</p>

FC-5	Brayden	Kettle	<p>Dear Mr. Thompson,</p> <p>World Fuel Services is proud to support Wagga Wagga Airport, working closely with local operators, private pilots, and the Wagga City Aero Club (WCAC) to ensure reliable access to aviation fuel. We appreciate the council's efforts in managing and maintaining the airport and understand the need for periodic fee reviews. However, we would like to raise some concerns regarding the proposed fee increases and their potential impact on airport activity.</p> <p>Concerns with Proposed Fee Increases</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Landing Fee Increases Above CPI – The proposed 8% increase in landing fees for fixed-wing and rotary aircraft is significantly higher than the current annual CPI of 2.5%. While we acknowledge the importance of revenue generation for airport upkeep, such an increase may discourage general aviation activity.</li> <li>2. Annual Landing Permit Increase – The proposed 5% increase in the Annual Landing Permit for private aircraft is also above CPI. Given that other airport-related fees, have remained unchanged since 2019/20, it may be worth considering a more balanced approach to fee adjustments.</li> <li>3. Restriction on Annual Landing Permits – We respectfully request that council reconsider the restriction limiting Annual Landing Permits to only aircraft hangered in Wagga Wagga. Open access to these permits, offer a more flexible approach encouraging visiting aircraft, supporting aero club events, and contributing to local businesses. The reintroduction of this restriction last year, without clear community consultation, has had unintended consequences, with operators choosing to use other regional airports instead (impacting our business at WGA).</li> <li>4. Airport Advisory Committee – We also encourage the re-establishment of the Airport Advisory Committee, which has not met for some time. A collaborative forum for discussion between council and airport users would be valuable in ensuring a balanced approach to future decisions.</li> </ol> <p>Encouraging a Balanced Approach</p> <p>We recognise council's responsibility in maintaining financial sustainability for the airport, and we remain committed to supporting Wagga Wagga's aviation community. A measured approach to fee increases and a reconsideration of the Annual Landing Permit restriction would help encourage continued activity and investment in the airport, benefiting all stakeholders.</p> <p>We appreciate the opportunity to provide this feedback and welcome further discussions on how we can work together to support the airport's long-term success.</p> <p>Sincerely, Brayden Kettle</p>
FC-6	Bob	Charlton	<p>To Whom It May Concern.</p> <p>I wish to comment on the WWCC Draft 2025/26 Airport Fees and Charges.</p> <p>I am a Recreational Pilot and aircraft owner living at Marrar who flies into Wagga Wagga Airport on a casual basis.</p> <p>Of particular concern to me is the increase in Landing Fees, which is well above the current rate of inflation as measured by the CPI. I believe WWCC has a moral responsibility to treat all Airport users fairly and equitably. It is neither fair nor equitable to increase Landing Fees by a huge impost over CPI, whilst other Airport services (eg. car parking) have not had a price increase for a number of years.</p> <p>It certainly leads me to conclude that WWCC regards aircraft owners and operators as an "easy target".</p> <p>Further evidence of this point is the decision of WWCC to not offer the option of an annual Landing Fee to owners of non-resident aircraft. This can have the effect of encouraging some frequent Airport users to use other airports, some of which do not charge a Landing Fee at all. When this happens WWCC then forgoes any Landing Fee it would otherwise receive. Further, such a policy does not encourage non-residents to view Wagga Wagga as an attractive place to visit, in fact quite the reverse I suggest.</p> <p>I submit that WWCC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Review Airport Fees and Charges reducing Landing Fees to a level commensurate with CPI, and recover this shortfall by increasing fees and charges to all Airport users by a similar amount.</li> <li>(b) Reverse the decision to restrict Annual Landing Fees to resident aircraft.</li> </ol> <p>Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>Bob Charlton.</p>

FC-7	Robert	Davies	<p>1st April 2025  The General Manager  Wagga Wagga City Council  PO Box 20  Wagga Wagga NSW 2650  council@wagga.nsw.gov.au</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Re: Draft 2025-26 Fees &amp; Charges – Wagga Wagga Airport</p> <p>I am writing to convey my very real concern in regard the draft fees &amp; charges for the Wagga Wagga Airport precinct for the coming 12 months.</p> <p>As a constant user of our airport, joint aircraft &amp; hangar owner and active member of the Wagga City Aero Club, I note with dismay the seemingly arbitrary application of fees that are proposed in the draft 2026-26 Airport Fees &amp; Charges.</p> <p>In my opinion General Aviation brings a significant benefit to Wagga Wagga by way of generating income for local business, to name but a few, aviation fuel sales, aircraft maintenance, flying training and accommodation. To threaten that activity by application of excessive fees and charges, is in my opinion, very short sighted. I would be very interested to understand why Council has deemed appropriate, landing charges including casual and annual landing fees be increased by between 5% &amp; 8% whilst the CPI is running at 2.5%. Equally I would like to understand why the proposed increases don't apply across the board including carparking fees which I understand have not risen in over 6 years, perhaps Council thought is wise to leave this fee unchanged to deflect a wider community back lash.</p> <p>The Wagga City Aero Club is a very active not for profit organisation that is constantly promoting Wagga Wagga and aviation in general. As an active member of the club, I see some of our members being discriminated against because they reside outside the Wagga area and are therefore not entitled to benefit from participating in the annual landing fee as set by Council. This situation creates a definite disincentive to maintain WCAC membership and encourages membership of other local aero clubs at airports where landing fees are not charged as is the case of Deniliquin, Mt Beauty, Corryong, Tocumwal, Temora, Lockhart &amp; Tumut to name a few. Our club holds a regular Sunday lunch each month however we have resistance from visiting members of other flying clubs simply due to the imposition of landing fees charged at the Wagga airport.</p> <p>In my opinion if Council were genuinely forward thinking and generally holding a desire to promote the City of Wagga Wagga, Wagga business and organisations like our aero club, it would abandon charging all landing fees to general aviation aircraft. It certainly should consider not charging landing fees to aircraft that call in to purchase aviation fuel, visit our aeroclub or utilise other services offered at the airport, as is the case with Aldinga in SA where landing charges are waved for aircraft that call in to purchase fuel.</p> <p>Whilst I have not been a member of the Airport Advisory Committee which I understand has not met for some considerable time I would encourage Council to reengaged with the aviation community through this committee for the benefit of all parties who have a desire to see our airport, the City of Wagga Wagga and local business not only survive but flourish through aviation.</p> <p>Thank you for your time taken to read this correspondence.</p> <p>Kind regards  Robert Davies</p>
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FC-8	John	Smith	<p>31 March 2025 The General Manager Wagga Wagga City Council PO Box 20 WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2650 Via email: council@wagga.nsw.gov.au</p> <p>Dear Mr Thompson,</p> <p>I would like to object to the recently released draft Fees and Charges and changes 2025-2026 I would like to respond to the latest consultation process with regard to the proposed fees and charges for Wagga Wagga Airport for 2025-26. I have been an active aviator at Wagga Wagga Airport for more than 50 years. I own an aircraft and a hangar in the General Aviation precinct at the airport. I am also a Wagga Wagga City Council city ratepayer of a number of properties and object to the latest proposed increases proposed at Wagga Wagga Airport. I understand that WWCC has to increase costs from time to time and I have no issues with that as long as they are reasonable and within the CPI guidelines. This appears not to be the case in this instance. No substantial improvements or investments in infrastructure or service have been made over the year which justifies an increase in charges above the CPI. It appears that these increases have not been applied to all airport users, only to aircraft users.</p> <p>I am particularly upset that the condition placed on applicants of the Annual Landing Permit for Private Operators, only applies to aircraft hangared in Wagga Wagga. This was tried to be covertly pushed through a couple of years ago and was eventually changed after a large contingent of Wagga City Aero Club members challenged the decision at a local Council meeting in January 2018.</p> <p>Again in 2024 -2025, Council covertly re-introduced this restriction on non resident members, but was not picked up by us before it was approved by councillors. This is completely underhanded and I would hazard a guess was not highlighted to Councillors at the time. It appears that this restriction has again tried to be covertly introduced into the fees and charges for 2025-2026 in another underhanded way.</p> <p>As a past President of Wagga City Aero Club, and the current Captain of Flying, I strongly object to this restriction on some of our members. We have a number of members who do not reside in Wagga Wagga, but live in surrounding areas and some very strong members who visit regularly from a distance away. This restriction is an attack on some of the Wagga City Aero Clubs very good members and also on many other aviation businesses, such as fuel sales, flight training and aircraft maintenance organisations. Wagga city Aero Club is trying our hardest to bring more aviation users and business to the city of Wagga Wagga and WWCC seems determined to bring us down with this restriction.</p> <p>I implore WWCC to remove this restriction on non resident pilots and look at whether the increases in charges are fair in this climate. At the very least, this restriction should be removed for Wagga City Aero Club members. Some years ago I was a member of the Airport Advisory Committee, which was established to assist Council with the operation and development of the Airport. I believe that this Committee has not met in a long time or been given an opportunity to review the proposed charges. We ask that this Committee will be reformed ASAP to help WWCC with aviation matters that are outside council's expertise.</p> <p>I would be only too happy to discuss any of these issues at any time.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, John Smith</p>
FC-9	Andrew	Irvine	<p>Noted in the draft is no consideration for a 50% discount on landing charges for non-resident private aircraft on weekends. Noted also that you have no parking fees for aircraft. Dubbo Airport does, and seen as an incentive. Should there be an overnight parking fee, it could offset any proposed increase in landing fees. It would also encourage REX and others to shift their dormant, eyesore aircraft elsewhere, and leave space for more visiting aircraft.</p>

**From:** Warrick Lodge [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 1 May 2025 10:32 AM  
**To:** Zachary Wilson [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Peter Thompson [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Draft 2025/26 Airport Fees and Charges - Public Exhibition

Good Morning Zac,

Thank you for the reply. Due to the Rex voluntary administration and the airline sale process, I will be working in Sydney for all of the week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May. The main thrust of Rex's feedback is that increases in regional airport charges that are beyond CPI do not bode well for the airline sales process as all potential new owners of Rex are thoroughly assessing the airlines future viability.

**Wagga Wagga Airport**  
**Per Arr & Dep Passenger Tax**

	Head Tax (ex GST)	% Increase
Jul-22	12.36	-
Aug-23	14.36	16%
Aug-24	16.36	14%
Aug-25	18.36	12%

(Proposed)

In addition to the financial viability of the of the airline it is also extremely important as to how potential new owners consider Rex's current operations in Wagga Wagga. As Council are aware this is beyond the Rex's air services to Sydney and Melbourne and includes the future of Rex's Wagga based maintenance / engineering base and the Pilot Training Academy and the more than 100 (potentially around 150) local jobs that are attached.

Regards,

**Warrick Lodge**  
[REDACTED]  
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## **RP-4 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING (IP&R) - DRAFT DOCUMENTS FOR EXHIBITION**

**Author:** Bradley Ristivojevic

**Executive:** Scott Gray

**Summary:** Attached for public exhibition are the draft Combined Delivery Program 2025/2029 and Operational Plan 2025/26, draft Fees and Charges 2025/26 and draft Long Term Financial Plan 2025/26.

### **Recommendation**

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That Council:

- a place the following documents on public exhibition for 28 days commencing 13 May 2025 and concluding on 10 June 2025:
  - i draft Delivery Program 2025/2029 and Operational Plan 2025/26
  - ii draft Long Term Financial Plan 2025/26
  - iii draft Fees and Charges for the financial year 2025/26
- b receive a further report after the public exhibition period:
  - i addressing any submissions made in respect of the draft documents
  - ii proposing adoption of the IP&R suite of documents

### **Report**

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#### **Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework**

The Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework helps Council discuss funding priorities and service levels with our community, including how these shape our local identity and how we can work together to create a more sustainable future.

The recently adopted Community Strategic Plan – Wagga Wagga 2050 (CSP) identifies the objectives that the community wants to head towards over the next ten+ years and also sets out the strategies on how to get there. The CSP sits at the highest level of Council's planning hierarchy and guides all other Council strategies and plans.

Under NSW Government legislation, councils must also prepare plans and strategies detailing how they intend to deliver works and services in the short and long term. These plans are based on the community's priorities and present a balanced approach to planning that considers how our resources can be used to deliver community outcomes identified in the CSP.

These plans and strategies are listed below and detailed in Image 1 - Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework:

- Delivery Program and Operational Plan
- Resourcing Strategy
  - Long Term Financial Plan
  - Asset Management Strategy and Asset Management Plans
  - Workforce Resourcing Strategy

Image 1 – Integrated Planning &amp; Reporting (IP&amp;R) Framework



The delivery program and operational plan are developed with regard to the resources available to Council. These resources are addressed by the separate resourcing strategies, the Workforce Resourcing Strategy, Asset Management Strategy and Plans and Long-Term Financial Plan.

The Workforce Resourcing Strategy and Asset Management Strategy and Plans do not require public exhibition and will be reported to the 23 June 2025 meeting of Council for adoption.



## 1. Combined Delivery Program 2025/2029 Operational Plan 2025/26

The Combined Delivery Program and Operational Plan (DPOP) has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the NSW Office of Local Government's (OLG) Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines and the good, better, best criteria contained in OLG's Integrated Planning and Reporting Handbook. The structure and content has been revised to increase the level of transparency and accountability of Council's service delivery and performance.

- Transparency is increased by providing a comprehensive overview of Council's workplan for the four-years of the Delivery Program and details of the services delivered by Council in the Operational Plan.
- Accountability is improved through the inclusion of measures for both the principal activities of the Delivery Program and service outputs in the Operational Plan.

**Section one** of the DPOP provides an introduction for the community to the report, our community and Council to assist reading sections two and three. This includes an overview of Council priorities.

**Section two** (Delivery Program) provides a primary reference point for all of Council's activities over the next four years. It picks up the strategies of the CSP and then links them to the principal activities Council will undertake for the four-year period of the Delivery Program. These activities guide the operational actions that will be undertaken by Council each financial year to bring us closer to our shared community vision and goals as identified in the CSP. Each principal activity includes a delivery measure and target to determine the effectiveness of the activity in achieving the objectives of the CSP.

To achieve the principal activities, Council requires a range of supporting and informing plans and strategies and processes for project governance, risk management and service improvement. The Delivery Program includes details of these plans and strategies to support a broader understanding of Council's processes and how performance is reported and improved.

**Section three** (Operational Plan) provides information on our annual budget and detailed service statements for each of Council's Service Areas. Service statements describe the service being delivered and outline the key actions (services delivered, capital projects, operational projects, plans and strategies) that Council will undertake each financial year that contribute to achieving the commitments of the Delivery Program and CSP. Service statements also include the income, operational and capital expenditure budget for the financial year. These details have been reported by Service Area to improve the relevance of this document to the Community.

Performance against the identified delivery measures and service output measures will be included in Council's six-monthly operational performance reporting and annual reports.

## 2. Long Term Financial Plan

The Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is an essential element of the resourcing strategy which recognises Council's current and future financial capacity to continue delivering services, facilities and infrastructure to the community as part of the objectives and commitments outlined in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan while undertaking the initiatives and projects that will contribute towards the strategic aspirations in the Community Strategic Plan.

Council's LTFP is a ten-year financial planning document with an emphasis on long-term financial sustainability. Financial sustainability is one of the key issues facing local government due to several contributing factors including growing demands for community services and facilities and their ongoing operational costs, constrained revenue growth and ageing infrastructure.

The LTFP is formulated using a number of estimates and assumptions, to project the future revenue and expenditure required of Council to deliver those services, projects and programs expected by the community for the next ten years. In doing so, it addresses the issues that impact on Council's ability to fund its services and capital works whilst remaining financially sustainable.

As part of the LTFP review process, a financial scenario has been included to address the ongoing infrastructure maintenance and renewal shortfall as identified in Council's Asset Management Plans across all asset categories, with part-funding to be investigated from a proposed future Special Rate Variation.

### Capital Projects

Capital works projects and programs account for over \$113.2M of the planned activities for the 2025/26 financial year. There are two different categories of capital works; One-off (\$87.1M) and Recurrent (\$26.1M).

One-off Capital projects refer to the new one-off projects Council will undertake during the year. Recurrent capital projects refer to the expenditure allocated on an annual basis for capital works programs.

Below is just a sample of some of the more significant capital works projects over \$1M (excluding roads) identified for the 2025/26 financial year only:

One-Off Capital Projects	2025/26 Budget
GWMC – Construction of new Waste Cell	\$2,963,264
GWMC – Construction of a new Monocell	\$1,318,888
GWMC – Plant Shed	\$2,253,105
Lake Albert Pipeline	\$4,269,087
LMC – Hardstand	\$2,250,000
LMC – New Circulating Road (partial)	\$2,036,693
Oasis – Energy Efficiency Upgrades	\$3,025,000
Sewer – Northern Growth Area Sewer Upgrades	\$10,682,244

## Roads Funding

The Capital Works Program within the LTFP includes budget amounts for one-off and recurrent Roads funding across the 10 years. For the 2025/26 financial year, there is a total allocation of \$53.9M for roads, which includes one-off projects of (\$40.4M) and recurrent programs of (\$13.5M). The one-off roads projects and recurrent roads program budgets allocated for 2025/26 are shown below:

One-Off Roads Projects	2025/26 Budget
Boorooma Street Upgrade	\$200,000
Estella Road Upgrade	\$70,000
Gregadoo Road Corridor Works	\$2,191,680
Mates Gully Road Upgrade	\$3,684,000
Pine Gully Road Corridor Works	\$647,585
Red-Hill Road/Dalman Parkway Intersection Treatment	\$137,457
Regional Roads Repair Block Grant	\$350,000
Southern Growth Area – Plumpton Road North	\$16,600,244
Southern Growth Area – Plumpton Road South	\$16,446,855

Recurrent Roads Programs	2025/26 Budget
Gravel Resheets	\$2,067,981
Heavy Patching Program	\$1,130,289
Pavement Rehabilitation Program	\$6,426,104
Regional Roads Supplementary Block Grant	\$199,000
Reseal Program (Renewal)	\$2,835,510
Urban Asphalt Program	\$1,040,041

### **3. Fees and Charges**

In accordance with Section 608 of the Local Government Act 1993, a council may charge and recover an approved fee for any service it provides.

The services for which an approved fee may be charged include the following provided under the Local Government Act or any other Act or the regulations, by the council:

- supplying a service, product or commodity
- giving information
- providing a service in connection with the exercise of the council's regulatory functions-including receiving an application for approval, granting an approval, making an inspection and issuing a certificate
- allowing admission to any building or enclosure.

#### Development Application Fees and Charges

Each year the NSW Department of Planning and Environment advise those fees contained within Schedule 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* that require updating in line with CPI increases as at 31 March each

year. Due to the timing of this data release, these Development Application fees for 2025/26 will be updated during the public exhibition period and any changes outlined in the final adoption report.

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## **Financial Implications**

The proposed adoption of the suite of Integrated Planning and reporting documents will be reported to Council on 23 June 2025 after the review and response to all submissions received. The adoption of these documents will form Council's commitment to deliver activities and actions detailed in DPOP and LTFP. The financial implications of this expenditure are forecasted in the LTFP and detailed in the annual service area budgets contained within the DPOP.

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## **Policy and Legislation**

The documents have been created to meet Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements under the Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government Regulations 2021.

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## **Link to Strategic Plan**

### **Regional Leadership**

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## **Risk Management Issues for Council**

The DPOP is the primary reference point for all of Council's activities to deliver on the objectives and strategies of the Community Strategic Plan. A failure to identify appropriate and relevant actions in the DPOP presents a risk that the objectives of the CSP will not be achieved, negatively impacting Council's reputation. This risk is mitigated through the internal consultation process to develop the DPOP and through the engagement plan for consultation during the public exhibition period for the report.

The LTFP, Workforce Resourcing Strategy, and Asset Management Plans are responsible for ensuring Council has the required resources to deliver the activities and actions of the DPOP. Delivery risk exists if these plans are not sufficiently integrated.

The DPOP provides a greater level of information to the community on Council's services and deliverables. Increased transparency is intended to improve community awareness of Council resources and priorities. There is a reputation risk if Council are unable to deliver on the identified activities and actions.

Financial sustainability is one of the key issues facing local government, due to several contributing factors, including growing demands for community services and facilities and their ongoing operational costs, constrained revenue growth and ageing infrastructure.

The LTFP is formulated using a number of estimates and assumptions, to project the future revenue and expenditure required of Council to deliver those services, projects

and programs expected by the community for the next ten years. If these estimates and assumptions are incorrect, Council's ability to deliver identified activities, actions and projects may be affected and require a revision to the LTFP and/or the DPOP.

The purpose of the LTFP is to ensure that Council is a financially viable, adequately funded, and sustainable organisation to meet community expectations of service levels. Council plans to maintain its financial position and performance, to ensure resilience and a capacity to adapt and respond to arising community needs in a measured and equitable manner through financial modelling and funding scenarios.

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### **Internal / External Consultation**

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Extensive external consultation was completed for the development of the CSP. The DPOP has utilised feedback received during the development of the CSP.

Internal consultation was undertaken with relevant service areas to prepare the draft documents for exhibition. This has included the service planning process, capital expenditure proposals, budget reviews and further review service plans to develop service statements.

An Executive briefing for the DPOP was held on 1 April 2025.

Councillor workshops/discussions were held for the LTFP with the following in attendance:

#### **9 December 2024 – Capital Works Program Reset - Budget Workshop**

Present: Mayor Councillor D Tout, Councillor R Foley, Councillor G Davies, Councillor A Condrón, Councillor J McKinnon, Councillor A Parkins, Councillor K Subedi, Councillor L Tanner

#### **17 February 2025 – Councillor Budget Workshop**

Present: Mayor Councillor D Tout, Councillor R Foley, Councillor G Davies, Councillor A Condrón, Councillor T Koschel, Councillor J McKinnon, Councillor A Parkins, Councillor K Subedi, Councillor L Tanner




#### **17 March 2025 – Councillor Budget Workshop**

Present: Mayor Councillor D Tout, Councillor R Foley, Councillor G Davies, Councillor A Condrón, Councillor T Koschel, Councillor J McKinnon, Councillor A Parkins, Councillor L Tanner

The documents will be placed on public exhibition for a 28-day period commencing from 13 May 2025 and concluding on 10 June 2025. As part of the exhibition period a variety of communication methods will be used, to inform and consult with the community on these documents.

	Mail			Traditional Media				Community Engagement				Digital				
	Rates notices insert	Direct mail	Letterbox drop	Council news	Media release	Media opportunity	TV/radio advertising	One-on-one meeting(s)	Community meeting(s)	Stakeholder workshop(s)	Drop-in session(s)	Survey/feedback form(s)	Connect.Wagga	Email newsletter	Social media	Website
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Collaborate																

## Attachments

1. Draft Delivery Program 2025/2029 and Operational Plan 2025/26 - Provided under separate cover  

2. Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2025/26 - Provided under separate cover  

3. Draft Fees and Charges 2025/26 - Provided under separate cover  


**RP-5 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE****Author:** Scott Gray

**Summary:** This report is to respond to questions with notice raised by Councillors in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

**Recommendation**

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That Council receive and note the report.

**Report**

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The following questions with notice were received prior to the meeting, in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice.

**Councillor L Tanner**

Could we please ensure that staff conduct a lighting inspection of the Memorial Gardens precinct prior to events such as ANZAC Day

Council will arrange for any necessary lighting repairs to be completed. For future events such as ANZAC Day, staff will ensure a lighting inspection of the Memorial Gardens precinct is carried out in advance.

**Financial Implications**

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N/A

**Policy and Legislation**

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Code of Meeting Practice

**Link to Strategic Plan**

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**Risk Management Issues for Council**

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N/A

**Internal / External Consultation**

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N/A



**CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS****CONF-1      CT2025054 HIRED PLANT, EQUIPMENT & FLEET SUPPLY****Author:** Travis Weir**Executive:** Henry Pavitt

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -

- (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

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**PRESENT**

The Mayor, Councillor Dallas Tout  
Councillor Allana Condon  
Councillor Georgie Davies  
Councillor Tim Koschel  
Councillor Jenny McKinnon  
Councillor Amelia Parkins  
Councillor Karissa Subedi  
Councillor Lindsay Tanner

**IN ATTENDANCE**

General Manager	(Mr P Thompson)
Director Community	(Ms J Summerhayes)
Director Infrastructure Services	(Mr H Pavitt)
Director City Engineering	(Mr W Faulkner)
Director Regional Activation	(Mr J Sidgwick)
Chief Financial Officer	(Mrs C Rodney)
Chief Operating Officer	(Mr S Gray)
Director Economy, Business & Workforce	(Mrs F Piltz)
Manager Corporate Governance & Performance	(Mr D Galloway)
Manager City Growth & Regional Assets	(Mr B Creighton)
Manager Development Assessment & Building Certification	(Mr C Collins)
Economic Development Officer	(Mrs S Hanrahan)
Corporate Governance Coordinator	(Mrs N Johnson)
Communications & Engagement Officer	(Ms Z Zaia)
Governance Officer	(Ms K West)

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Wagga Wagga City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Wiradjuri people, and pays respect to Elders past, present and future and extends our respect to all First Nations Peoples in Wagga Wagga.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the land and rivers. We also recognise the resilience, strength and pride of the Wiradjuri and First Nations communities.

**REFLECTION**

Councillors, let us in silence reflect upon our responsibilities to the community which we represent, and to all future generations and faithfully, and impartially, carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in us, to the best of our skill and judgement.

**APOLOGIES**

An apology for non-attendance was received and accepted for Councillor R Foley on the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and T Koschel.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**CM-1      CONFIRMATION OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 7 APRIL 2025**

**25/100    RESOLVED:**  
On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and L Tanner

**That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 7 April 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.**

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
A Condron	
G Davies	
T Koschel	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
K Subedi	
L Tanner	

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor A Condrón declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-1 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA24/0548 - ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING MCDONALD'S, DEMOLITION AND SIGNAGE - 92-94 FAY AVENUE AND 269 LAKE ALBERT ROAD, KOORINGAL, the reason being that the applicant provided support during the local government elections to her candidate group and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor A Condrón declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-4 - 2023/24 REGIONAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLANNING PROGRAM - ROUND 2, the reason being that she works for an agricultural dealership and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-5 - 2025/26 AIRPORT FEES AND CHARGES, the reason being that a family member is an active member of the Wagga Aero Club and also owns a private aircraft and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-6 - REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SECTION 356, the reason being that she is a member of the Palliative Care Enhancement Council and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in CONF-2 - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - HOMES NSW the reason being that she has family members who live close to this area and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor T Koschel declared a Pecuniary Interest in RP-1 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA24/0548 - ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING MCDONALD'S, DEMOLITION AND SIGNAGE - 92-94 FAY AVENUE AND 269 LAKE ALBERT ROAD, KOORINGAL, the reason being that this is a family members business and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor T Koschel declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-7 - FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2025, the reason being that he works for a financial institution and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor T Koschel declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in M-1 - LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 20 MARCH 2025 MINUTES - 20 MARCH 2025, the reason being one of the reports listed within the minutes may impact a business a family member owns on Edward Street and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor A Parkins declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-4 - 2023/24 REGIONAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLANNING PROGRAM - ROUND 2, the reason being that as she works for Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

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Councillor L Tanner declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-3 - ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING - SALUTING THEIR SERVICE COMMERATIVE GRANTS PROGRAM, the reason being, he is a member of the RSL Sub-Branch and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Chief Operating Officer, Mr S Gray declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-1 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA24/0548 - ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING MCDONALD'S, DEMOLITION AND SIGNAGE - 92-94 FAY AVENUE AND 269 LAKE ALBERT ROAD, KOORINGAL, the reason being he is a board member at Wagga Basketball and McDonald's are a major sponsor and vacated in the chamber during its consideration.

Chief Operating Officer, Mr S Gray declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in M-1 - LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 20 MARCH 2025 MINUTES - 20 MARCH 2025, the reason being there is reference to some intersection changes and this is within close proximity to his primary residence and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Director Economy, Business & Workforce, Mrs F Piltz declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-2 - COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN - WAGGA WAGGA 2050, the reason being, she is a board member of the Eastern Riverina Arts who provided a submission and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Director Economy, Business & Workforce, Mrs F Piltz declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in CONF-1 - GREGADOO WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE, the reason being that the landowner is a family member and if the report is called would vacate the chamber during its consideration.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION - ENGLOBO**

**25/101 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and L Tanner

**That the standing orders be varied for the meeting as set out hereunder:**

- **Items where councillors wish to speak**
- **Items where no councillors wish to speak**
- **Confidential**
- **Matter of urgency**
- **Closure of Meeting**

**That RP-7, CONF-1, CONF-3 to CONF-6 be adopted as recommended in the business papers.**

**CARRIED**

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K Subedi	
L Tanner	

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION FORUM**

**RP-3 ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING - SALUTING THEIR SERVICE  
COMMERATIVE GRANTS PROGRAM**

- Mr Rod Cooper (Wagga Wagga RSL sub-Branch) – Speaking in favour of the Report

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 6:12pm.

**RP-5 2025/26 AIRPORT FEES AND CHARGES**

- Mr Ralph Holland – Speaking against the Report

Councillor G Davies re-entered the chamber, the time being 6:16pm.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION - CHANGING STANDING ORDERS**

**25/102 RESOLVED:**  
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and A Parkins

**That Council move forward consideration the reports below to follow the Public Discussion Forum:**

- **RP-3 ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING - SALUTING THEIR SERVICE  
COMMERATIVE GRANTS PROGRAM**
- **RP-5 2025/26 AIRPORT FEES AND CHARGES**

**CARRIED**

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**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion

D Tout  
A Condrón  
G Davies  
T Koschel  
J McKinnon  
A Parkins  
K Subedi  
L Tanner

Against the Motion

**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

**RP-3      ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING - SALUTING THEIR SERVICE  
COMMERATIVE GRANTS PROGRAM**

**25/103      RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and T Koschel

**That Council:**

- a      authorise the General Manager or their delegate to negotiate to enter into a funding agreement with the Office of Veterans' Affairs for \$147,425 of grant funding for the remediation of the Wagga Wagga Honour Roll and Eternal Flame Memorial**
- b      note the additional assessment quotations for the cost and time to appoint a specialist consultant and complete a detailed asset condition audit and future conservation plan.**
- c      commence the project as soon as possible to allow completion by Remembrance Day being 11 November 2025**
- d      authorise the affixing of Council's Common Seal to all relevant documents as required**

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion

D Tout  
A Condrón  
G Davies  
T Koschel  
J McKinnon  
A Parkins  
K Subedi  
L Tanner

Against the Motion

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**RP-5 2025/26 AIRPORT FEES AND CHARGES**

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 6:23pm.

**25/104 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors A Parkins and J McKinnon

**That Council defer consideration of 2025/26 AIRPORT FEES AND CHARGES until the 12 May 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion

A Condron  
T Koschel  
J McKinnon  
A Parkins  
K Subedi  
L Tanner  
D Tout

Against the Motion

Councillor G Davies re-entered the chamber, the time being 6:25pm.

**RP-1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA24/0548 - ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING MCDONALD'S, DEMOLITION AND SIGNAGE - 92-94 FAY AVENUE AND 269 LAKE ALBERT ROAD, KOORINGAL**

Councillor A Condron declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 6:25pm.

Councillor T Koschel declared a Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 6:25pm.

Chief Operating Officer, Mr S Gray declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 6:25pm.

**25/105 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and L Tanner

**That Council approve DA24/0548 for alterations and additions to existing McDonald's, demolition and signage at 92-94 Fay Avenue and 269 Lake Albert Road, Kooringal NSW 2650 (Lot 1 DP 1046386 and Lot 12 DP 1195177) subject to the conditions outlined in the Section 4.15 Assessment Report.**

**CARRIED**

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**RECORD OF VOTING ON DEVELOPMENT OR PLANNING MATTERS - SECTION 375A(3) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993**

For the Motion

D Tout

G Davies

J McKinnon

A Parkins

K Subedi

L Tanner

Against the Motion

Councillors A Condrón and T Koschel and Mr S Gray re-entered the chamber, the time being 6:26pm.

**RP-2 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN - WAGGA WAGGA 2050**

Director Economy, Business & Workforce, Mrs F Piltz declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber the time being 6.26pm.

**25/106 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors A Parkins and L Tanner

**That Council:**

- a receive and note the feedback received during the public exhibition period and develop Village Plans in 2026 based on community feedback**
- b adopt the draft Community Strategic Plan – Wagga Wagga 2050**

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion

D Tout

A Condrón

G Davies

T Koschel

J McKinnon

A Parkins

K Subedi

L Tanner

Against the Motion

Mrs F Piltz re-entered the chamber, the time being 6.40am.

RP-3 ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING - SALUTING THEIR SERVICE COMMEMORATIVE GRANTS PROGRAM was moved forward to follow the public discussion forum.

**RP-4 2023/24 REGIONAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLANNING PROGRAM - ROUND 2**

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**25/107 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and A Parkins

**That Council:**

- a notes the completion of the public exhibition and consultation period for the draft Regional Drought Resilience Plan**
- b endorses the final Regional Drought Resilience Plan as presented subject to addressing the naming conventions within the Plan**
- c authorises submission of the adopted plan to the Department of Regional NSW and the Federal Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry for endorsement and public release**

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion

D Tout  
A Condrón  
G Davies  
T Koschel  
J McKinnon  
A Parkins  
K Subedi  
L Tanner

Against the Motion

RP-5 2025/26 AIRPORT FEES AND CHARGES was moved forward to follow the public discussion forum.

**RP-6 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SECTION 356**

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 6:45pm.

**25/108 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and A Parkins

**That Council:**

- a in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, provide financial assistance to the Palliative Care Enhancement Council for this calendar year for \$895**
- b note that due to the date of the event, this financial assistance will be funded from the 2025/26 Section 356 general budget allocation**

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion

Against the Motion

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A Condrón  
T Koschel  
J McKinnon  
A Parkins  
K Subedi  
L Tanner

Councillor G Davies re-entered the chamber, the time being 6:46pm.

**RP-7      FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

25/109

**RESOLVED:**  
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and L Tanner

**That Council:**

a

approve the proposed 2024/25 budget variations for the month ended 31 March 2025 and note the balanced budget position as presented in this report

b

approve the proposed budget variations to the 2024/25 Long Term Financial Plan Capital Works Program including new projects and timing adjustments

c

note the Responsible Accounting Officer's reports, in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (Part 9 Division 3: Clause 203) that the financial position of Council is satisfactory having regard to the original estimates of income and expenditure and the recommendations made above

d

note the details of the external investments as at 31 March 2025 in accordance with section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993

e

accept the grant funding offers as presented in this report

f

withdraw the projects listed in this report from the Low Cost Loans Initiative Scheme

CARRIED

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
A Condrón	
G Davies	
T Koschel	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
K Subedi	
L Tanner	

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**RP-8 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**25/110 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

**That Council receive and note the report.**

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion

D Tout

A Condrón

G Davies

T Koschel

J McKinnon

A Parkins

K Subedi

L Tanner

Against the Motion

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**M-1 LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 20 MARCH 2025**

Councillor T Koschel and Chief Operating Officer, Mr S Gray, declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 6:49pm.

**25/111 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and G Davies

**That Council:**

- a receive the minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 20 March 2025**
- b endorse the installation of R5-40 No Parking signs on either side of the entry to the unformed laneway adjacent to 23 Hill Street, Turvey Park**
- c notes the proposed traffic changes by Transport NSW to Edward Street between Oates Avenue and Fox Street**

**CARRIED**

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**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion

D Tout  
A Condrón  
G Davies  
J McKinnon  
A Parkins  
K Subedi  
L Tanner

Against the Motion

Councillor T Koschel and Mr S Gray re-entered the chamber, the time being 6:51pm.

**CLOSED COUNCIL**

**25/112 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and G Davies

**That the Council now resolve itself into a Closed Council, the time being 6.50pm.**

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion

D Tout  
A Condrón  
G Davies  
T Koschel  
J McKinnon  
A Parkins  
K Subedi  
L Tanner

Against the Motion

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING THE PRESS AND PUBLIC GALLERY RETIRED FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING.

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**CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

**CONF-1 GREGADOO WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE**

**25/113 RESOLVED:**  
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and L Tanner

**That Council:**

- a** endorse proceeding with the purchase of the property referred to in the body of this report using funds from Council's Solid Waste Reserve, pending application and decision from TransGrid authorising the use of the funds afforded to Council in the TransGrid Community Initiative Agreement
- b** authorise the affixing of Council's common seal to any documents as required
- c** approve the budget variation/s as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the report

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion

D Tout  
A Condrón  
G Davies  
T Koschel  
J McKinnon  
A Parkins  
K Subedi  
L Tanner

Against the Motion

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**CONF-2 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - HOMES NSW**

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 6.50pm.

**25/114 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and L Tanner

**That Council:**

- a agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with The Technical and Further Education Commission, NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands, Charles Sturt University, and NSW Land and Housing Corporation**
- b delegate to the General Manager or their delegate the signing of relevant documentation to execute the Memorandum of Understanding, including the affixing of the Common Seal, if required**

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion

A Condron  
T Koschel  
J McKinnon  
A Parkins  
K Subedi  
L Tanner  
D Tout

Against the Motion

Councillor G Davies re-entered the chamber, the time being 6.51pm.

**CONF-3 RFT CT2025047 - SUPPLY ONE (1) HEAVY TRI-AXLE PNEUMATIC DRY BULK TANKER**

**25/115 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and L Tanner

**That Council:**

- a accept the Tender submitted by Third Zeton Pty Ltd. Trading as Tieman Tankers. ABN: 44 607 463 972 for the supply of One (1) Tieman O.ME.P.S Tri-axle Aluminium Pneumatic Dry Bulk Tanker for the lump sum of \$501,750.00 Ex GST plus On-Roads**
- b authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter into a contract with Third Zeton Pty Ltd. Trading as Tieman Tankers for the supply of One (1) Tieman O.ME.P.S Tri-axle Aluminium Pneumatic Dry Bulk Tanker**

**CARRIED**

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A Condrón	
G Davies	
T Koschel	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
K Subedi	
L Tanner	

CONF-4 CT2025072 ASPHALT WORKS PACKAGE 2

25/116 RESOLVED:  
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and L Tanner

That Council:

- a accept the offer of CRS (NSW) Pty Ltd (ABN: 76 133 263 779) for the Deep Lift Asphalt Road Works - Package 2 for various locations in Wagga Wagga for the lump sum amount of \$1,479,417.70 excluding GST
- b authorise the General Manager of their delegate to enter a contact with CRS (NSW) Pty Ltd (ABN: 76 133 263 779) Deep Lift Asphalt Road Works - Package 2 for various locations in Wagga Wagga
- c authorise the affixing of Council's Common Seal to all relevant documents as required

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
A Condrón	
G Davies	
T Koschel	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
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**CONF-5 RFT CT2025058 GWMC PLANT SHED DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT**

**25/117 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and L Tanner

**That Council:**

- a accept the tender of Ladex Construction Group Pty Ltd (ABN: 18 082 076 784) for the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre Plant Shed Design & Construct for the lump sum price of \$2,042,525.81 excluding GST**
- b authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter a Contract with Ladex Construction Group Pty Ltd (ABN: 18 082 076 784 for the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre Plant Shed Design & Construct for the lump sum price of \$2,042,525.81 excluding GST**
- c authorise the General Manager or his delegate to extend the Contract as set out in the Contract documents**
- d authorise the affixing of Council's Common Seal to all relevant documents as required**

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion

D Tout  
A Condrón  
G Davies  
T Koschel  
J McKinnon  
A Parkins  
K Subedi  
L Tanner

Against the Motion

**CONF-6 RFT CT2025070 LAKE ALBERT WATER SPORTS AND EVENTS  
PRECINCT FORESHORE REMEDIATION D&C**

**25/118 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and L Tanner

**That Council:**

- a accept the tender of Rare Environmental Pty Ltd (ABN: 41 617 855 017) for the Lake Albert Water Sports and Events Precinct Foreshore Remediation Design & Construction for the lump sum price of \$1,126,032.43 excluding GST**
- b authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter into a Contract with Rare Environmental Pty Ltd (ABN: 41 617 855 017) for the Lake Albert**

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- c authorise the fixing of Council’s Common Seal to all documents that may be required

CARRIED

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
A Condrón	
G Davies	
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L Tanner	

**REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL**

**25/119 RESOLVED:**  
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and G Davies

**That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 6.52pm.**

CARRIED

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
A Condrón	
G Davies	
T Koschel	
J McKinnon	
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K Subedi	
L Tanner	

THIS COMPLETED THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING WHICH ROSE AT 6.53pm.

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MAYOR

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